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New offer by Gorbachov on Asia missiles

Bid to unblock stalled Geneva arms talks

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday said he was prepared to withdraw all Soviet medium-range missiles from the Asian part of the Soviet Union, so eliminating one of the outstanding obstacles to a superpower agreement on medium-range missiles.

Mr Gorbachov made his offer conditional on agreement by the United States to do the same.

In an interview with the Editor of the Indonesian newspaper *Merdeka*, Mr Gorbachov said: "In an effort to accommodate the Asian countries, the Soviet Union is prepared to agree to eliminate all its medium-range missiles in the Asian part of the country as well as those in the western part of the country ... In other words, we will proceed from the concept of a global double-zero."

He said too that shorter-range missiles would also be eliminated. The Soviet leader made it clear, however, that he did not make his proposal conditional on the US removing its nuclear presence from South Korea, the Philippines, or Diego Garcia, though, he said: "We hope that at least it will not grow."

The Soviet Union for its part, Mr Gorbachov said, would pledge not to increase the number of aircraft with a nuclear capability stationed in the Asian part of the USSR so long as the US did not deploy additional nuclear systems in the Pacific region that could reach Soviet territory. He also broached the possibility of a superpower agreement to limit the activity of each others' ships in the Pacific.

In the same interview, Mr Gorbachov said the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan had been "decided", though he said external interference in Afghanistan must be halted and there had to be guarantees that it would not resume. But the Soviet Union favoured as short a timetable as possible for withdrawal.

The apparent acceptance by the Soviet leader of the "double-zero option" for a global elimination of medium-range nuclear missiles will be seen as an attempt by Mr Gorbachov to break the current deadlock at the talks in Geneva. However, even though the Soviet Union appears to have conceded the continuation of a US presence in South Korea and the Philippines, the vexed question of the Pershing 1As in West Germany – which the US and West Germany insist should be left outside the agreement – remains.

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Geneva – US and Soviet negotiators at the arms reduction talks will meet today in a special full plenary session requested by the Soviet delegation, a US spokesman, Mr Chrisopher Henze, said yesterday (Reuter reports).

'Jeffrey Archer has been crucified by a popular newspaper'



Mr Archer and his wife, Mary, arriving at the High Court yesterday for the twelfth day of his libel case against The Star.

Massive damages demand by QC

By Paul Vallely

A request for enormous damages in the "most ruthless libel case of modern times" was made yesterday by Mr Robert Alexander, QC, counsel for Mr Jeffrey Archer, in his concluding speech to the High Court jury.

"We have a public figure who has been crucified by a popular newspaper. We have the multi-million pound newspaper group which runs that newspaper straining every sinew in court to destroy his reputation," he said.

Only huge damages could convey to the public that the charges were utterly baseless. They would also strike a blow for a fairer, cleaner press, he said.

Mr Justice Caulfield, who began his summing up yesterday afternoon, told the jury: "Jeffrey Archer by his own brain pulled himself from great debt to possibly considerable wealth in a few years. In material terms he can be described as rich. At this moment in reputation you may think that he is a pauper. And if your verdict goes against him you may think he is destined to endure the rest of his life as a social leper in a social workhouse for hypocrites.

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"Assuming he is defeated, you can imagine a graveyard for lost reputations, you can imagine the memorial that would be raised for the lost reputation of a man with the distinctions and abilities of Jeffrey Archer. And the gravestone could possibly have two words quoting from the banner headline of the Star newspaper for November 1st: 'Poor Jeffrey'."

In his final speech, Mr Alexander denounced the conduct of *The Star* as wicked and said that it had hit a man when he was down. Mr Archer's political career had already suffered a severe blow from the allegations which forced his resignation as deputy chairman of the Conservative party.

These, published in the *News of the World* a week before *The Star* article, claimed that he had paid £2,000 to buy the silence of a prostitute. The article in *The Star*, which directly alleged that he had had sex with a woman who specialized in kinky practices, was much worse.

Mr Archer's courage in bringing a libel action, knowing what it would involve, was an indication of his innocence.

Swedish drugs trial postponed

From Philip Jacobson
Uppsala

The trial of Captain Simon Hayward of The Life Guards on drug-smuggling charges has been postponed here at the last minute. The decision has thrown the entire proceedings against the 31-year-old cavalry officer into doubt and confusion.

An announcement by the local police yesterday evening said only that the Uppsala Public Prosecutor, Mr Ulf Forsberg, had requested a postponement of the proceedings.

Captain Hayward's court-appointed lawyer, Mr Tom Placht, had agreed.

According to Mr Placht, who is defending Captain Hayward on charges of smuggling £500,000 worth of Moroccan hashish into Sweden concealed in the chassis of a Jaguar car, "important things are happening concerning my client."

Mr Forsberg has been in particularly confident mood over the past few days, professing "a sense of reward" at having closed the 170-page file on Captain Hayward.

The defence has also been confident about its prospects, hinting that new evidence of value to Captain Hayward has recently become available.

Shares plunge on £1.16bn deficit

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The City embarked on heavy selling yesterday – the FT-30 index slumped 39.6 points – after the announcement of a big deficit on Britain's trade. The figures prompted market fears that the credit boom and strongly rising high street sales mean the economy is overheating dangerously.

Britain's trade in goods was in deficit by £1.16 billion in May, the worst set of figures for nine months and the second biggest on record, and £657 million worse than in April.

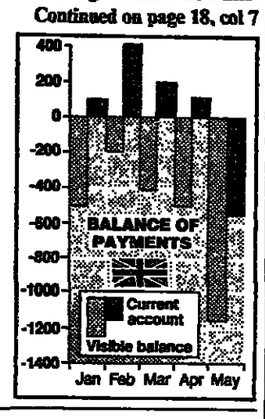
The current account, after allowing for the estimated £600 million surplus on the so-called invisible items of trade, was in deficit by £561 million, the first time it has been in the red this year. In April it was in surplus by £96 million.

There was evidence in the figures that the spending boom in Britain was drawing in imports at an alarming rate, and diverting home-produced goods from the export to the domestic market.

Officials at the Department of Trade and Industry said the figures were a "fluke" after a recent run of good data.

But Mr Brian Gould, Labour's front bench trade and industry spokesman, said: "These figures show how mis-

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Arab shot in Chelsea ambush

By Stewart Tendler and Hazhir Teimourian

An Arab journalist was last night reported to have died after being shot in the head by a gunman lying in wait in a Chelsea street. The shooting is the second Middle Eastern terrorist incident in London in five days.

Scotland Yard was unable to confirm the identity of the man. But according to an editor on the Kuwait *Al-Qabas* newspaper he was Naji Al-Aly, aged about 50, a well known Arab cartoonist.

He was shot in Ives Street, Chelsea, at tea-time close to the *Al-Qabas* offices. Shots were fired by a black man wearing a blue denim jacket who then fled on foot.

Scotland Yard said later that a Ford Fiesta car had been stopped by police at Oxford Circus. Police arrested a white man, but a black man escaped.

The victim was taken to St Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, where an Iranian exile figure is still recovering from a car bomb last weekend in Kensington. He is reported to have died on the way to the hospital.

Married with five children he had been living in London since 1985.

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Baker blocks Labour's school assets sale move

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker went on the offensive yesterday in the clash looming with Labour-run councils over his controversial education shake-up.

The Secretary of State for Education stunned and infuriated Labour MPs with a new measure intended to curb the opportunity for local authority opposition to the changes.

He said he was aware that certain local education authorities were planning to dispose of land and buildings in an attempt to cripple his plans to remove polytechnics from council control and to allow London boroughs to opt out of the Inner London Education Authority.

Accordingly, he was taking new powers, effective from midnight yesterday, to ensure that his approval was needed before any "important" disposals of assets were made.

His move, to be made law in the new education Bill to be introduced in the autumn, delighted Conservative MPs.

Mr Baker, insisting he had evidence that attempts to "mortgage" polytechnics by lumbering them with large debts were under consideration in town halls, said he well remembered the "various tricks" by which Mr Ken Livingstone, the then leader of the GLC and now Labour MP for Brent East, attempted to torpedo past legislation.

"In the same way we want to make quite sure that the assets of those polytechnics and colleges are protected," the Secretary of State said, adding it would be "grossly negligent" of the Government not to act now.

Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition education spokesman, joined by an angry chorus of Labour backbenchers, con-

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demned Mr Baker's move, accusing him of an astonishing act of "megalomaniac centralization".

He said that it would lead to administrative chaos and uncertainty with councils having to refer almost every decision, including the appointment of many teachers and heads, to the Secretary of State.

Mr Baker said that since June Ilea had been considering what action it could take over its assets now that three Tory-controlled councils – Wandsworth, Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea – had indicated their intention to take over responsibility for education in their areas.

In addition, several polytechnic directors had told him of their very great concern about possible asset stripping by their local authorities.

Mr Baker said that Nottinghamshire county council was thinking of "moving against" Trent Polytechnic.

In the case of polytechnics and colleges, destined to be freed from local control and funded centrally, his consent would apply to all disposals of land or interests in land, including buildings, connected with those institutions.

In the case of Ilea, it would have to apply for permission to dispose of similar educational educational assets or to enter into contracts worth above £15,000.

He delivered a blunt warning to councillors who might be considering defying his ruling and pressing ahead regardless.

The sanctions available to the district auditor in cases of unlawful expenditure or wilful misconduct, which include personal surcharges and disqualification from office, could apply to them, he said.

Mr Baker said that in the proposed Bill he would be seeking powers to penalize councils that ignored his ruling.

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Tanker convoy enters Gulf without challenge

Dubai (Reuter) – Three US warships with crews at battle stations herded two reflagged Kuwaiti tankers into the Gulf yesterday without encountering any challenge from Iran.

Shipping sources said the convoy, in rough seas and poor visibility, passed safely through the 24-mile-wide Strait of Hormuz, within range of Iran's anti-ship Silkworm missile sites.

The supertanker Bridgeton, 401,382 tonnes, and the tanker Gas Prince, 46,723 tonnes, which raised the Stars and Stripes yesterday to qualify for American naval protection, are expected to complete the 550-mile voyage to Kuwait with their escort late today or early tomorrow.

Passage through the strait was considered the most hazardous part of the mission. The voyage brought the US convoy within 14 miles of the Iranian mainland. US combat planes flew air patrols over the ships as they weighed anchor this morning.

But air cover was suspended temporarily when the ships passed through the strait because it would have violated the 12-mile air space of either Iran or Oman, the sources said. But the convoy still has to pass through waters where Iranian Revolutionary Guards in high-speed boats have mounted hit-and-run raids on tankers from islands

● WASHINGTON: Iran's UN Ambassador, Mr Said Rajai Khorassani, said on television here that Iranian forces would not attack tankers under US escort "unless the Iraqi air forces attack our ships or a third party which comes to our shores" (Reuter reports).

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Dearing to retire as PO booms

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Sir Ron Dearing, aged 56, chairman of the Post Office and National Girobank, which yesterday announced record £170 million pretax trading profits, is to leave in September after more than seven years with the organization.

Sir Ron, widely regarded as one of the most popular chairmen of the nationalized industry, insisted he had not been pushed out because of potential disagreements with the Government over piecemeal privatization of Post Office businesses.

Ministers have made strenuous efforts in the last year to persuade Sir Ron to remain at the Post Office, particularly as he was the architect of its dramatic turnround in recent years.

Alternatively, he has been offered a number of fulltime public sector jobs, which he has said he would consider.

Sir Ron has also been in demand from the private sector and has already joined the board of one large company. He is also part-time chairman of the Council of Academic Awards.

He denied that he was "cutting and running". The Post Office reorganization into separate businesses had been successful and the Royal Mail was experiencing its highest growth and trading profit in its 350-year history.

Sir Ron said: "If the Post Office had been in trouble, I would have stayed."

A successor is almost certain to have been identified by the Department of Trade and Industry and Sir Ron said an announcement would be made shortly.

The present vice chairman, appointed last October, is Mr Ken Young.

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Treatment of elderly 'appalling'

By Jill Sherman

The chairman of the independent inquiry panel into allegations of cruelty at the Nye Bevan old people's home in Camberwell, south London, yesterday said she was "appalled" at the way old people were treated.

But Miss Jocelyn Gibbs, a barrister, denied reports that the problems at the home had been due to antagonism between black workers and white residents."

An inquiry carried out between April and July 1985 failed to detect the serious incidents which later emerged.

Yesterday councillors criticized the social services department for allowing a year to elapse before instigating the independent inquiry.

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How the perks and privileges add up for MPs

By David Sapsted

The 22 per cent pay jump which MPs awarded themselves this week – plus the increase to more than £21,000 in secretarial allowances – is far from a record in terms of the rises honourable members have deemed they deserve.

An 85 per cent increase was notched up in 1964 when pay reached the giddy heights of £3,250 a year. It shattered the previous record of a 50 per cent hike in 1937, though it could be that that rise was overdue: until then MPs had struggled by on the £400 a year paid since salaries for members were first introduced in 1911 – the equivalent, it is argued, of £50,000 today.

Monday night's vote on the latest increase, from £18,500 to £22,548, was not taken on a whim. MPs' salaries are being tied by a complex Whitehall formula to 89 per cent of the maximum paid to senior principals in the Civil Service. What those fledgling mandarins do not enjoy, however, are the perks which come with a successful trip to the hustings.

For a start, there is the secretarial allowance: £20,140 at the moment, but about to be increased by at least 4.25 per cent. Such an allowance has to be accounted for; if the secretary happens to be your wife or daughter, as is increasingly the case, so much the better.

There is also the additional costs allowance, which is basically to enable an MP to stay in London or, conversely, in his constituency. That adds another £8,107 a year.

MPs' cars above 2,300cc attract a mileage allowance of 46.9p for the first 20,000 miles a year, and 23.5p for every mile after that.

Should the train hold more appeal, rail warrants come free of charge if the journey is within a triangle of a member's constituency, a London station and Westminster. If MPs want to ride the gravy train outside those points, they can get a free warrant if they can convince the Commons' Fees Office that the journey is on parliamentary business.

MPs have a contributory pension scheme, representing 9 per cent of their salary, which is matched by the Treasury. When the moment comes for him or her to step down, voluntarily or otherwise, the Treasury provides a resettlement grant which, depending on age and length of service, ranges between 50 and 100 per cent of a year's salary.

● MPs' standing in the pay league today:
High Court judge, £64,739; airline captain (British Airways, max) £43,000; surgeon (Addenbroke's Hospital) £30,340; dentist (Brighton) £21,700; oil executive (Shell UK) £22,000; university professor (min) £22,050; MP (from January 1, 1988) £22,548; Lieutenant-Colonel (starting pay) £23,000; bank manager (Stoke-on-Trent) £25,500; police superintendent (after three years) £25,650; chemist (St Albans) £17,748; architect (Birmingham City Council) £14,100.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Company to sue over '£5m loss'

A furniture company that planned to operate in the former De Lorean car plant is to bring legal proceedings against Northern Ireland's Industrial Development Board, which refused to offer financial assistance after discovering that the project manager, Mr Nic Wattiez, was an undischarged bankrupt with a criminal record.

The company, London Refurbishing, wants to recoup up to £5 million it claims it had already committed to a project which aimed to bring employment for 4,000 people to west Belfast, one of the United Kingdom's unemployment blackspots.

The Government was to have invested £2 million, with £500,000 from the company, which has an annual turnover of £12 million.

The board rejected yesterday claims that it had been fully informed about Mr Wattiez's past. Mr Michael Moynahan, for the firm, said, "Everyone was aware of it. We were not trying to hide anything."

Heathrow jet scare

A British Airways TriStar carrying 248 passengers was forced to overshoot Heathrow Airport yesterday because a Pan American jumbo jet was still on the runway.

The TriStar, on a flight from Paris, was about 200 feet from the ground when it overshot the Boeing 747, with 280 passengers.

The Civil Aviation Authority said the Pan Am plane, carrying 280 passengers from San Francisco, had missed its turning. The incident was not a "near miss".

Gold plot charge

A chartered accountant was accused yesterday of conspiring to handle in excess of £750,000 worth of gold or cash proceeds of the Brink's Mat bullion raid at Heathrow in 1983.

Mr Puthencherayil Medayil, aged 56, of Sutton Crescent, High Barnet, Hertfordshire, was bailed until August 19 by Horseferry Road magistrates in London.

Named in the charge as alleged co-conspirators were Mr Michael Relton, a solicitor, and Mr Gordon Parry, a property developer.

25 injured in crash

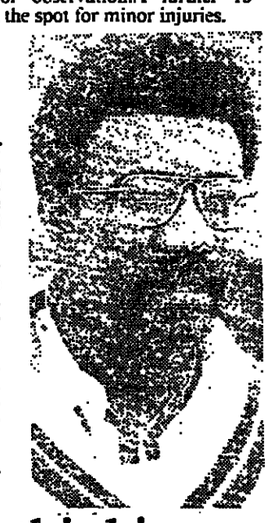
Three people were seriously injured and seven others taken to hospital when a double-deck coach carrying British holidaymakers overturned in north-east Spain yesterday.

The coach, carrying 63 passengers with tour operators Sun Travel, skidded and overturned after being forced to brake quickly in rain to avoid a lorry.

Three men from the Newcastle area were last night being treated in hospital at Gerona for lung, arm and leg injuries, and were said to be in a serious condition.

Seven others, including a boy aged six, were detained in hospital for 24 hours for observation.A further 15 passengers were treated on the spot for minor injuries.

Lloyd's new job



Mr Clive Lloyd, the former Test and county cricketer, was appointed yesterday a part-time member of the Commission for Racial Equality.

His appointment, announced by the Home Secretary, takes effect immediately and will last for a minimum of three years.

Mr Lloyd, who retired from first class cricket last summer after an outstanding career during which he captained Lancashire and the West Indies, will be the only part-time member of the 18-strong commission.

Profitable thinking

Civil Servants whose bright ideas profit the Crown are to be more generously rewarded. Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil Service, said the aim was to protect the value of awards against inflation and to encourage swift commercial exploitation of public sector ingenuity.

Recent inventions that have attracted payments include dust helmets for miners, a portable flare launcher, ships' position indicators and the use of a simple microcomputer as a video teaching aid.

Last year, the committee on awards to inventors, based at the Ministry of Defence, made more than 50 awards totalling £115,000.

Inner cities 'losing out from cradle to grave'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The lives of millions of people in Britain are overshadowed from the cradle to the grave by the crumbling fabric of the inner cities in which they live, a medical conference was told yesterday.

Against such a bleak background, some progress was being made, but there remained serious problems in providing adequate medical care, Sir Donald Acheson, the Government's chief medical officer, said.

Sir Donald, who was opening a conference on inner city medicine sponsored by the Royal Colleges of Physicians and General Practitioners, called for new partnerships among professionals to tackle the problems. The findings of the conference are to be reported to the Prince of Wales, who has taken a great interest in inner-city problems.

The conference heard that people who live in the inner cities suffered as babies because they were more likely to be born into poorer families in overcrowded, decaying housing.

Their childhood was blighted by accidents, vandalism and violence and they struggled as adults against high unemployment, neighbourhood crime and other social problems. In old age, they were increasingly isolated and vulnerable.

As the more affluent moved out, the inner cities were becoming the wandering ground of a rapidly growing population of homeless and hopeless families, alcoholics, drug users and the mentally ill, doctors were told, in papers read at the conference.

Ethnic minorities were more likely to have poor housing, lower-paid jobs or no jobs at all and have poorly equipped or under-staffed schools.

The conference was "most timely" Sir Donald said. The medical and nursing professions had long been aware of the problems in providing services for inner city dwellers, and the regeneration of inner cities was now a "prime objective" of the Government.

"Both the prevalence of certain diseases and the outcome of treatment is often worse in lower socio-economic groups. Some people in the inner cities have lower expectations of the health service and when little is expected, a poorer quality of service is often provided."

Problems that needed solutions included poor premises used by GPs, lack of teamwork among health workers and professional isolation, he said.

"We need much closer working together but this only becomes possible if the primary health care team is well established and well housed. Premises of a high standard are essential.

Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, president of the Royal College of Physicians, said the college and the RCGP would set up a monitoring system which would report back in a year's time on how problems were being tackled and what progress had been made.

A separate meeting called by the British Medical Association and the Health Visitors' Association (HVA) drew attention to the plight of more than 100,000 families with no permanent home but living in shabby bed and breakfast hotels, former hospitals and disused barracks.

Children of such families suffered poor health, suicide rates among adults were "horrifically high" and health and social services could not cope, Miss Roma Iskander of the HVA said. "Society is creating refugee camps for the homeless in cities like Manchester and London".

Catalogue of cruelty at council home for elderly

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Fourteen social services staff, including four senior managers, are facing disciplinary action by Southwark Council after allegations of cruelty against residents at an old people's home in south London.

Ten care assistants have been threatened with dismissal if the allegations of physical and sexual abuse are substantiated.

The allegations appear in an independent report into the Nye Bevan Lodge in Camberwell, where the four managers have been told that unless there is new evidence they will face disciplinary charges but not dismissal.

The report which is now with the Director of Public Prosecutions, claims that in six cases residents may have been "helped to die" by care assistants who exposed them to the cold by opening windows and removing blankets.

It suggests that staff punished old people who did not want to get out of bed in the winter by leaving windows open. One resident was found suffering from hypothermia with the windows open and no blankets on the bed.

The report said: "It was like a fridge in the room. She recovered, but died within a week of being relocated to another home.

"The circumstances in which the windows were left open and the blankets removed, seem to us to suggest a sinister pattern, not mere coincidence.

"This type of behaviour was totally unacceptable and could only amount to criminal conduct."

The full report, which contains a catalogue of abuse which has allegedly occurred unchecked over the last seven years, claims that one care assistant who, on her own admission, was taking cannabis, injured a resident by throwing him against a wall.

It also alleges that an officer in charge who retired in 1985 following an internal report into the home, lied about the number of falls a resident had and accused him of deliberately falling down and sustaining serious brusing and cuts requiring stitches.

The report traces the alleged "deterioration" of the officer following the opening of a bar on the premises, which led to reports that she was always drunk and unable to cope.

The inquiry panel criticized senior management for failing to perceive the real situation, taking action against her only when someone queried the purchase of artificial flowers.

The residents were allegedly terrified of another care assistant who referred to one old man as "monkey man" and handled him roughly.

"Some of the residents would be so distressed if told he was coming on duty for the next shift that other care assistants would have to lie and say he was away."

The report says another care assistant was terrified of germs and wore two pairs of gloves all the time and lined up residents naked for bathing in the same bath water.

Another assistant was said to spend most of her time crocheting and refused to spend any time with incontinent residents.

Members of the social services committee were yesterday trying to put a brave face on the appalling conditions that had been disclosed at the home while warning that similar problems were probably occurring all over the country.

Mr Jeremy Fraser, chairman of the committee, said: "Southwark has prided itself on being a caring body but we have not cared for the elderly in Nye Bevan Lodge as they had the right to expect.

"There was also a subculture which prevented much of the truth from coming out. Brent, Camden and now Southwark have faced up to the facts. It is the other boroughs that we are worried about."

They claimed that the social services department had already put in hand several improvements into running homes in the borough.

Other incidents of abuse detailed in the report include:

- One lady found with burnt hands after being told to hold a hot towel rail.
- A care assistant was alleged to have put faeces into the mouth of a resident.
- Bottles were used to avoid having to take residents to the toilet.
- Residents were often left in toilets or corridors unattended for long periods of time resulting in their falling.
- One resident, who was told to offer payments to a care assistant, said that she was physically abused every morning when she woke up.
- One resident burnt her feet after being left in hot water.
- A care assistant allegedly threw a cup at a resident cutting the bridge of his nose.
- Residents were thrown into chairs, knowing this would cause pain.

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Mr Amir-Hussein Amir-Parviz, the victim of Saturday's car bomb in west London, with his wife, Homa, at St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, yesterday. Mr Amir-Parviz, aged 63, is expected to leave hospital in about a week (Hazhir Teimourian writes). He said: "There are so many reasons for me to be grateful. My wife and children were not in the car, I survived, and now I have been told that I shall not lose the use of my left leg or hands." A former minister of agriculture under the Shah, Mr Amir-Parviz is chairman of the British branch of the National Movement of the Iranian Resistance, a liberal grouping opposed to the regime in Tehran. He said the attempt on his life was "part of the Khomeini regime's war on the rest of the world". The police had not informed him of the type of bomb used in the attack, but he thought it was sophisticated. "It exploded about four minutes after I left home. There was a flash of fire and then thick, black smoke. I thought I had crashed." He added: "The only effective solution is for the European governments not to let in Iranian officials and to scrutinize the visas of those supporters who are already here".

Superconductor research

Bids invited for new centre

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Proposals for a national university centre for superconductor research were published yesterday by the Science and Engineering Research Council.

The 11 British universities at the forefront of the subject have been invited to make bids, either individually or as part of a consortium, to house the centre. Submissions are needed by September 15 for a decision by October.

There are also plans for university research centres, known as URCs, in other areas, but an invitation to bid for those will be sent to all universities later this year.

The need for a quick decision in the rapidly developing field of superconductivity – the phenomenon of materials with no electrical resistance – is emphasized in a letter from Professor Bill Mitchell, chairman of the research council, to the universities of Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Leeds, Liverpool, Oxford, Southampton, Strathclyde and Warwick, and to Imperial College, London.

Tenders will have to estimate the equipment and staff a centre would need, and outline the "milestone" objectives, as well as arrangements for industrial advice and participation.

The criteria for the centre will be drawn up by an advisory board, describing the fields of advanced research in physics, chemistry, materials science and technology, electronics and engineering applications to be covered.

The scientists would be equipped with the latest types of cryostats (machines for refrigeration), computing facilities, electron microscopes, crystal growing facilities, analytical instruments and apparatus for synthesizing and fabricating new materials.

Equipment is expected to cost about £3 million to buy and £1.5 million to run.

The initiative for superconductivity is regarded as the first stage of a strategy to establish two or three university research centres each year for the next two or three years.

The idea was adopted to solve the problem of the rising cost of advanced research equipment.

Scheme to cut cereal growing

The Government intends to introduce a voluntary "set-aside" scheme to take land out of grain production early next year, Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

He emphasized that he did not support the National Farmers' Union call for compulsory across-the-board cuts in cereal acreage. But he hoped that EEC farm ministers could reach agreement on national targets, leaving member states to implement them.

Mr MacGregor said at the annual luncheon in London of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority that over-production of cereals was a worldwide phenomenon, and the tensions that had created in a comparatively static world market were well known.

Mr Austen Laing, the authority's chairman, said there was no question of the EEC being able to maintain subsidies to allow exports to continue at the same levels reached over the last year. There was therefore every prospect that intervention stores would be filled up again in the coming months.

- Vegetable importers were urged yesterday to take strict precautions over the disposal of soil and other waste. The warning followed confirmation of the discovery of soil contaminated by the rhizomania virus in a consignment of Dutch potatoes.

Rhizomania, literally "root madness", attacks all beet vegetables, including sugar beet, beetroot and spinach, and can reduce a typical healthy yield from between 12 and 15 tonnes a hectare to less than three tonnes.

9.5% rise for staff at GCHQ

By Roland Rudd

Workers forced to give up their trade union membership at the Government's GCHQ communications centre in Cheltenham have been given a pay increase more than twice as large as most other Civil Servants.

But only non-union members will be eligible for the 9.5 per cent rise.

The 37 remaining trade unionists at GCHQ, who belong to the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) or the Society of Civil and Public Servants, will only get the 4.25 per cent which the Treasury imposed on the two unions during the recent Civil Service pay dispute.

The announcement of the rise brought an immediate protest from the general secretary of the CPSA, Mr John Ellis.

He said: "It is disgraceful of the Government to make a magnanimous offer to people who were treated like ordinary Civil Servants when they were trade unionists".

The pay deal was negotiated by the staff federation which was set up after the Government tried to ban trade unions at GCHQ more than three years ago.

The federation chairman, Mr Brian Moore, said yesterday he was "pleased to see the Government had ensured that the GCHQ workers maintained their pay lead in the Civil Service which was established last year".

The 7,000 staff will now be balloted on the pay rise. If it is accepted the non-unionized staff will receive an immediate 3 per cent backdated to April 1. A further 5 to 6½ per cent will be paid on October 1.

Ford staff can bank on £200

By John Spicer

The Ford Motor Company is offering its 33,000 hourly-paid staff £200 each to have their wages paid into a bank.

If the workers agree, the one-off payment will cost Ford £6.6 million. About half the employees already use credit transfer, and they are included in the offer.

The deal follows weeks of disussions with the unions, which are recommending acceptance. A ballot is to be held, but Ford says if the offer is rejected it will be withdrawn.

Ford wants to end the weekly movement of large amounts of cash into its plants. Banks have agreed to install cash points or branches at factories. Salaried staff already have their money paid direct to banks

Ford said other big companies which were not yet paying wages into banks were seeking to do so. Apart from security, the advantage for workers was that they would no longer have to queue for weekly pay packets.

Tight rein controls match fans

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

An increase in arrests at Football League matches of 29 per cent in 1986-7 and in ejections from grounds of 45 per cent in the same year, is evidence of more effective crowd control rather than worse behaviour.

These figures, which cover Divisions One and Two matches, were given by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, in a parliamentary answer yesterday.

Mr Hurd also quotes the Association of Chief Police Officers for England and Wales as noting an improvement in standards of crowd behaviour during the season.

- Paul Barnes, aged 27, a Chelsea football fan who swore at the referee and knocked off a policeman's helmet during a match last season was jailed for 14 days at West London Magistrates Court yesterday.
- Seven London football matches due to be played on August Bank Holiday Monday have been rescheduled due to policing difficulties in covering the matches and the Notting Hill Carnival.

Shake-up planned for 500 colleges

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A big shake-up in the way nearly 500 local authority colleges in England and Wales are run is proposed in a report published yesterday.

The report, by the Department of Education and Science, says the colleges, which offer non-advanced courses to nearly two million further education students, face an uncertain future because of a sharp decline in the number of 16 to 19-year-olds.

It says colleges must become more efficient by cutting costs and being more responsive to the needs of employers and students.

Its most controversial recommendations are that average class sizes should be increased by about 10 per cent over the next five years and that the length of many courses should be reduced.

It suggests that colleges should adopt "output indicators" so that their performances can be measured and compared and any divergences explained. The indicators should include a record of the proportion of students who complete their courses, find jobs and satisfy their employers.

The report also says that non-teacher resources account for 40 per cent of college expenditure. It says space utilization, energy costs and "area cleaned per hour" are all useful measures.

It recommends local education authorities to give colleges more control over their own budgets, as the Government is proposing for schools, to increase their responsibility and accountability.

The report was immediately welcomed by Mr Howard Davies, Controller of the Audit Commission. He said it confirmed the commission's view that there were "considerable opportunities for increasing value for money obtained from the £1 billion spent annually on further education".

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said the report set the scene for the 21st Century.

- Computers should be used in subjects such as music, design, art, history and English as well as the "traditionally technological areas", says the department.

Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education, yesterday announced a new strategy to put a computer in every classroom within five years.

Steel widens Alliance rift with Owen

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, underlined yesterday the frostiness of his party's relations with the SDP (Our Political Reporter writes).

He said it was unlikely that either he or Dr David Owen would be attending each other's party conference this autumn. They have done so for the last two years.

Liberal sources said, though, it was probable other senior Social Democrats such as Mrs Shirley Williams, the SDP president who is in favour of a merger with the Liberals, would be invited to the Liberal Assembly.

Mr Steel and Dr Owen are likely to meet in the wake of the SDP's merger ballot on August 5 to discuss how to handle the conferences in the light of the result.

Mr Steel yesterday stressed the need to settle the merger dispute quickly, if possible before the local elections next May.



The old people's home in Camberwell, south London, where staff have been accused of cruelty to residents

Compensation for cracked pavements is 'out of control'

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Compensation payments to people who claim to have tripped over protruding paving stones in Northern Ireland were out of control and likely to cost the taxpayer millions of pounds, according to the Commons Public Accounts committee.

The situation was "serious and deteriorating" and the response of Northern Ireland's Department of Environment was inertia, the MPs said in a report published yesterday.

As disclosed in *The Times* in February, such payments amounted to just £47,000 in the 18 months to March 1975, but last year they totalled £4,124,000, with added administration costs of £527,000.

Mr Daniel Barry, permanent secretary at the department, also revealed to the committee that another 6,000 claims were outstanding, at a potential further cost of £18 million. Add on the cost of legal aid for the claimants and the total bill could be nearer £40 million.

In evidence to the committee Mr Barry spoke of the alarming growth in fraudulent claims and said: "I could take you to a row of 50 houses in a housing estate where at least one claim has been received from most householders during the last five years".

Solicitors were now specializing in these compensation claims which, if they were below a couple of hundred pounds, were not worth contesting.

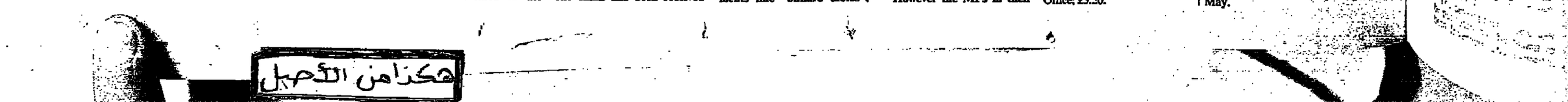
A particular problem was that Northern Ireland courts were notoriously lenient; elsewhere in the UK pedestrians had no right to expect pavements like "billiard tables", but in Ulster "half an inch or more is an automatic award against us".

Mr Barry said his department was now setting up a central claims unit to root out spurious claims. The department believed it should appeal more against awards to establish legal precedents, and was also taking action to prevent possible collusion between officials and claimants.

However the MPs in their report describe these measures as inadequate.

They want the legislation that permits these payments amended. They also want more money devoted to repairing roads and pavements, noting that the escalating level of payments coincided with reduced spending on road repairs.

Committee of Public Accounts: Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts 1985-86. Stationery Office: £5.20.



Jeffrey Archer libel case

Editor's silence part of 'most astonishing defence ever offered'

By Paul Vallely

The response by *The Star* newspaper to Mr Jeffrey Archer's libel action is perhaps the most bizarre defence ever entered in such a case. Mr Robert Alexander, QC, counsel for Mr Archer, told the jury in his concluding speech yesterday.

The newspaper's editor and reporters had declined to give evidence to defend their allegation that Mr Archer, then deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, had paid £70 for sexual intercourse with a prostitute, Miss Monica Coghlan, and she had denounced the article, claiming it was based on an interview with her nephew who was "a compulsive liar".

Mr Alexander told the jury: "It must be the most astonishing defence, in many ways, ever in a libel case. It must be rare that a newspaper's principal witness describes the article they are together defending as mostly fantasy and fabrication." Yet even this did not prompt the paper's editor, Mr Lloyd Turner, to enter the witness box to defend it, he said.

> **They did not give a damn if what they wrote was true**

Yesterday was the 12th day of the case in which *The Star* is attempting to justify its claim that Mr Archer had sexual intercourse with Miss Coghlan in room 6A of the Albion Hotel, Victoria, central London, in the early hours of Tuesday September 9.

Mr Archer also has a case outstanding against the *News of the World* which had earlier made similar allegations, though more ambiguously phrased.

Mr Alexander agreed with the submission by the newspaper's counsel, Mr Michael Hill, QC, who had said the previous day that all *The Star* was required to prove was "the balance of probability". But, he said, in a case such as this in which the allegations were so grave that they would "decide what Jeffrey Archer's reputation will be for the rest of his life", the highest standard of proof was required.

Mr Alexander said that any democracy needed a free press which "must draw attention to injustice and wrongdoing and be able to comment fearlessly on it". But this case highlighted the fact that there must be "limits and boundaries" to the actions of newspapers.

"Was it right that the *News of the World* could "set in motion a web of deception to trap Mr Archer over a period of many weeks? Or that its reporter should pose to the prostitute as Mr Archer's friend? Or that its investigations editor should coach the prostitute in what lies to tell the politician? Or that it should tell her to pretend she possessed an incriminating photograph which did not exist?

"Was it right that one of its journalists should, for weeks on end, act as a minder and live 'hugger-mugger' with the prostitute? Or that the paper should pay her large sums of money and finance her foreign holiday? Or arrange for her to sell topless photographs for £5,400?"

Mr Alexander said that the defence had maintained that these issues were an excursion down the "highways and byways" of the case. But, on the contrary, they were its essence. "Journalistic methods like these create a terrible risk of a man being framed" he told the jury. Mr Hill, in his attempt to indicate otherwise, "was seeking to pull the wool over your eyes".

"Was it right for *The Star* to cash in on all this and then cynically defend a libel action just to provide more titillating stories out of the degrading accusations which day after day were made about Mr Archer?"

The paper's editor had sat in court and heard the testimony of the key identification witness, Mr Aziz Kurtha, a solicitor.

"The nonsense he spoke was surely evident to Mr Lloyd Turner", Mr Alexander said, and yet he had neither admitted that the paper was in the wrong nor entered the witness box to defend it.

"You may think that his silence is as eloquent as any of the witnesses we have heard. They did not give a damn whether what they wrote was true or false. Mr Jeffrey Archer must be brushed aside in the great cause of selling newspapers."

Mr Alexander then outlined, in a heavily sarcastic manner, the case for the defence, which he dubbed the case for the prosecution. It had not been given in detail the day before because it did not stand up under close scrutiny, he said.

He ridiculed the account by couching it in terms of a cheap comic melodrama. Its pivotal point, he said, came when it maintained that Mr Archer had followed Mr Kurtha and Miss Coghlan to her hotel, a journey during which Miss Coghlan had described the solicitor's driving as fast and reckless.

"Jeffrey Archer is no relation of Nigel Mansell nor has he been trained by Starsky and Hutch. Yet he is said to have driven this same crazy way. Has love at first sight ever led to such recklessness?

"It is this scene which exposes the barrenness of the prosecution case. Suppose Jeffrey Archer had put such a story in one of his novels and sent it to Mr Cohen (his editor, who also gave evidence in the case). Wouldn't Mr Cohen have said 'Jeffrey, this won't do'." Of Mr Kurtha's recollection of a scene in which he had lip-read Miss Coghlan's comment in the presence of Mr Archer, he told the jury: "This is the evidence on which you are asked to destroy Mr Jeffrey Archer." It was material which would have made great comedy in the hands of "the late Mr Peter Sellers. But what do you think of it as evidence to ruin this man's life?" he said, indicating Mr Archer, who, through all the jokes, sat impassively

Throughout Mr Kurtha's evidence, constantly "it seemed necessary to pinch oneself a little in a world of make believe". The truth was that the case turned on the initial identification of Mr Archer by Mr Kurtha.

"The only person who says he recognized Jeffrey Archer that night is Aziz Kurtha. Miss Coghlan did not know Jeffrey Archer from Adam. It was Kurtha who planted in her mind the idea."

It was true that Mr Archer had subsequently tried to pay Miss Coghlan a large sum of money. But he did so because he was a generous man responding to a phone call from a woman in trouble.

"He did not try to buy her silence. What he tried to do was help her get away while he nailed the lie.

"It is, I suspect, impossible not to feel some sympathy for the sadness of Miss Coghlan's life. Reading between the lines, she must have had a disadvantaged inner city start to life. And now, after a working life few would envy, she is worried about the future.

> **You are being asked to destroy the rest of his life**

"She, you may think, has been used by the *News of the World* and Kurtha. But she was also a woman of the world, a prostitute for 20 years and with some business experience in property developing. She may have seemed nervous and demurely dressed in the witness box but that was not how she behaved in Mayfair's red light district.

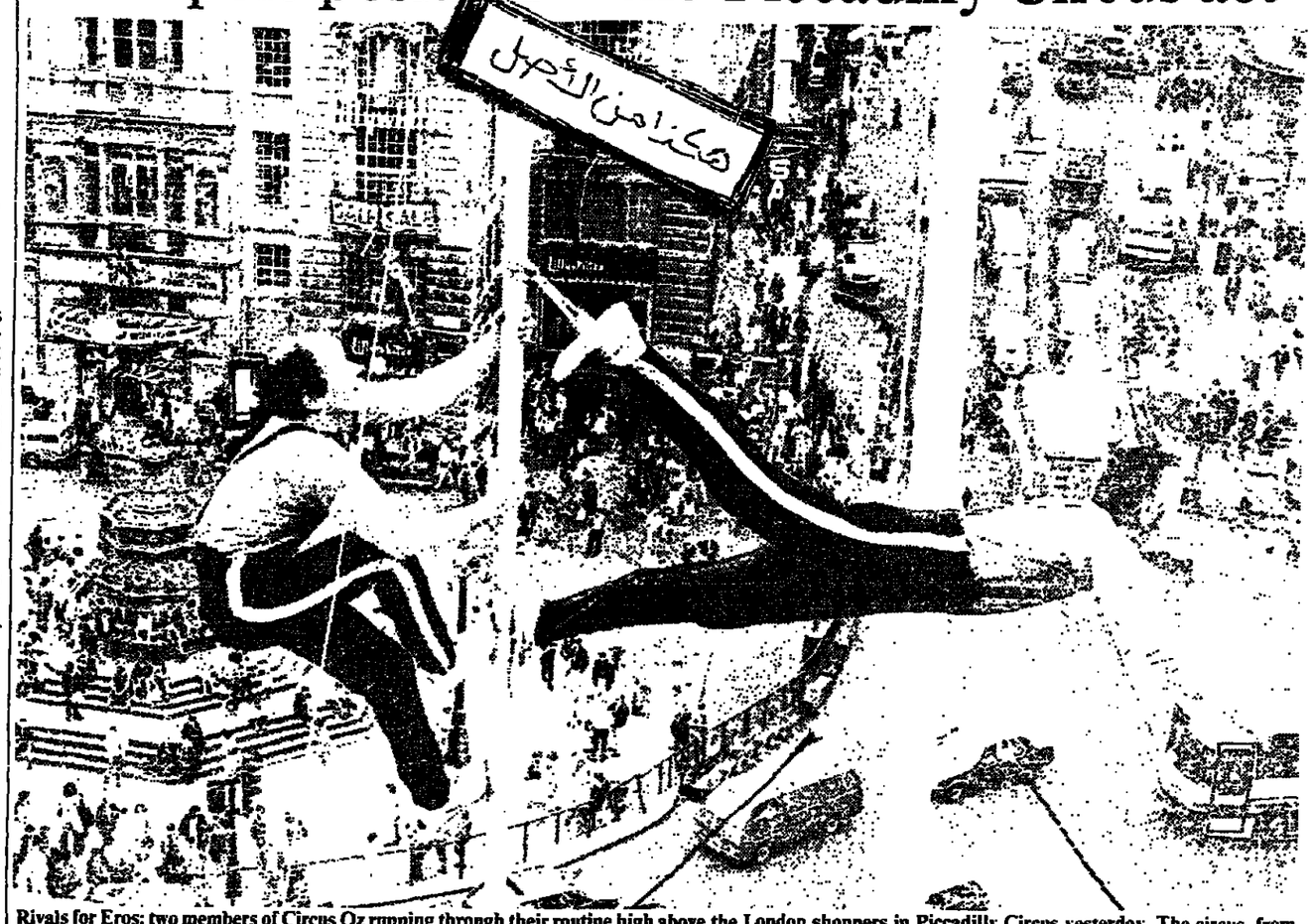
"There she played out roles for clients just as she had done for the *News of the World* in the taped telephone calls to Mr Archer. On those tapes she had proved herself 'a compulsive liar and an accomplished actress'."

Echoing Mr Hill's phrase that Mr Archer had "lied and lied and lied", Mr Alexander said that Miss Coghlan had "acted and acted and acted". The jury had to treat her evidence accordingly.

By contrast, he said: "It has never been suggested otherwise than that Mr Archer is a very happily married man with a strong family life. There is not a suggestion that Jeffrey Archer is a man who has had affairs or been with prostitutes before."

The case contines today.

Into pole position – the Piccadilly Circus act



Rivals for Eros: two members of Circus Oz running through their routine high above the London shoppers in Piccadilly Circus yesterday. The circus, from Australia, offers a mixture of traditional acrobatics, modern comedy and bizarre Antipodean acrobatics – including a kangaroo act and didgeridoos. It is in Britain until August 9, taking part in the London International Festival of Theatre which is now in full swing (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Contempt warning on Opren campaign

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The campaign organizers who have taken up the fight for compensation by alleged victims of the anti-arthritis drug Opren were told in the High Court yesterday about the risks of contempt of court.

Mr Justice Hirst, who is hearing preliminary stages in the legal action between the 500 alleged victims of the drug and Eli Lilly, its manufacturers, said he felt bound to sound a note of caution.

He said that advertisements and open letters placed in *The Times* and in newspapers in the United States by the "Opren Action Committee", and "Citizen Action", who represent the claimants, were coming close to the line between "legitimate comment and illegitimate pressure".

In those advertisements and in press releases the groups refer to the "cynicism" of Eli Lilly and call on the company to pay compensation to the victims.

They say the company has ignored criticisms of its failure to settle in newspapers such as *The Times* and add that a campaign is mounting in Britain to force it to help the many elderly claimants it has refused to assist.

Yesterday the judge said: "The deep emotions engendered by the Opren cases are readily understandable. Moreover, as has been stressed by the Court of Appeal, it is strongly in the interests of all parties that a proper settlement should be reached".

He added that there was "no question whatsoever of any finding that those responsible for the advertisements and the press releases have been guilty of contempt".

He went on, however: "Since the passages I have quoted from the advertisements and the press releases might be thought to be not far from the dividing line between legitimate comment and illegitimate pressure, I thought it right to give this warning, in the hope that due restraint will be exercised in future".

The judge said he would consider at a later date, probably in September, what legal costs plaintiffs who accepted out-of-court settlements would have to meet.

He said the issue raised undoubtedly important questions. It was also important for non-legally aided plaintiffs to know where they stood in relation to Mr Godfrey Bradman, the "fairy godparent" benefactor who has offered to provide funds for the legal fight.

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Worried social worker recovers in hospital

By David Cross

A Cleveland social worker was last night recovering in hospital from exposure after disappearing from home because of worries about an alleged child sex abuse case.

Mrs Kath Anguoin, aged 37, who was due to give evidence this week to the High Court in Leeds in the Cleveland child abuse controversy, went missing on Sunday night leaving notes and an hour-long tape recorded message for her bosses.

Early yesterday she walked up to a policeman near the market town of Stokesley, North Yorkshire, three miles from where police had found her abandoned Austin Metro.

Mr Mike Bishop, director of Cleveland social services, said yesterday that Mrs Angouin's anxiety stemmed from the erasing of a video tape. It was "quite apparent from the notes that Mrs Angouin left that she was extremely upset and anxious about this particular aspect of a very complicated case".

In a statement which was worded in line with an instruction to the council from the clerk to Mr Justice Hollis, the judge in the Leeds High Court hearing, Mr Bishop said he was delighted Mrs Angouin was now receiving care and attention. "I hope she will soon be fit enough to resume her duties as a social worker," he added.

He described her as a "competent, caring social worker. If she has made a mistake then clearly we will have to work that through with her. But I am aware that Mrs Angouin, like many other social workers, is dealing in matters that are deeply disturbing at a time of intense media activity.

"I wish to make it clear that the county council and senior management in the social services department will do all in their power to support staff in this very demanding and complex work," he said.

Mrs Angouin, who has a teenage daughter, was closely involved in the preparation of evidence for the hearing, in which two sets of parents are fighting for the return of their children from council care after independent medical advice that they had not been abused.

The case continued yesterday with further evidence in camera from Dr Marietta Higgs, one of the Middlesbrough General Hospital paediatricians involved.

Mr Richard Holt, Conservative MP for Langbaurgh, yesterday called for a ban on the video recording of interviews with children about alleged sexual abuse.

A full judicial inquiry into the row, to be headed by Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, will begin in Cleveland on August 11, subject to a preliminary hearing a week earlier to consider applications for legal representation.

The hearing, parts of which will be open to the public, will investigate issues raised by the sharp rise in the number of children taken into care in the area since May 1

According to the latest social services figures, 134 youngsters have been placed in care during this period, 89 of them for alleged sexual abuse. Many parents claim the children were taken from them unjustly and there has been widespread criticism of the way abuse has been diagnosed by Dr Higgs and a colleague at Middlesbrough General Hospital, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt.

Portfolio Gold

£8,000 for a retired accountant

The Portfolio Gold competition prize of £8,000, double the usual amount because there was no winner on Tuesday, has been won by Mr Roderick Mills, aged 86, a retired chartered accountant.

Mr Mills, of Portland Drive, Pedmore, Stourbridge, West Midlands, has been playing the competition since it started and has been a reader of *The Times* since 1919.

Mr Mills, who moved to Stourbridge with his wife Eluned from London to be near their son, said: "I think I will spend some of the money on income bonds and I might buy a motorized wheelchair as I have difficulty in getting about".

Readers may obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

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Ramblers in alert on forests

By Andrew Morgan

The Ramblers Association and the World Wildlife Fund added their support yesterday to calls for a halt to afforestation in the Flow Country of Caithness and Sutherland in the north of Scotland.

A report published today by the Nature Conservancy Council urges an end to tree planting in the area, which conservationists consider unique for its bird and plant life.

In a booklet commissioned by the Ramblers Association, Mr Steven Tompkins, a former professional forester, indicts planting techniques and tax concessions for private foresty firms.

He says that the Flow Country is being "sacrificed virtually unnoticed" to blanket afforestation driven by public subsidies and tax avoidance.

He says: "A fragile inheritance of wild land, the last great reserve of wildlife and semi-natural vegetation is being frittered away by massive and misguided subsidies from the public purse."

He estimates that the area under coniferous plantation in Scotland has increased by 750 square miles, or 500,000 acres, in the past 10 years.

Mr Simon Pepper, the Scottish conservation officer for the World Wildlife Fund, said: "Nobody is saying trees should not be planted in Scotland, but surely it is not beyond the wit of man to avoid planting them in areas like the Flow Country, which are cherished."

The development view will be put today by the board in both Inverness and London.

Journalist's death was an accident

One of the country's leading journalists was killed by an electric shock when he tried to move a 240-volt power cable brought down in gale force winds, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr David Watt, aged 55, a political columnist on *The Times*, former political editor of the *Financial Times* and director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, died in his country home at Lewknor, Oxfordshire, on March 27.

The inquest in Oxford heard that Mr Watt may have decided to move the cable, brought down by winds of up to 60mph on to the drive to his farm home, because it was vital for him to get back to London.

The inquest was told that Mr Watt, who had suffered from polio in his twenties, had to be connected to a respirator to breathe properly at night.

With no power at Knapp Farm House Mr Watt decided to cut short his visit and return to London.

His widow, Mrs Susan Watt told the inquest: "He had intended to stay until the next day working on a book. If the electricity failed at Lewknor he would have had to return otherwise he could not breathe."

Mr Watt's body was found in the late afternoon lying in the driveway of his home.

Dr Peter Millard, a consultant pathologist, said it was clear that he had been killed by electric shock.

Mr Cyril Purnell, of Weston Road, Lewknor, whose wife worked as a cleaner at Knapp Farm House, said Mr Watt telephoned him at 3.15 pm.

"He mentioned that the cable was down and that it would be dead because it came from the house where there was no power on."

The wire involved was a neutral conductor which had run in parallel with the live supply to the house; once broken it had become live itself.

The coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Employee benefits

Growing trend towards profit sharing

By Michael Dynes

A significant increase in profit sharing and bonus schemes, together with a general drift towards 25 days a year basic holiday are the most prominent trends identified by the latest survey of employee benefits in Britain published today.

The report, compiled by Reward Regional Surveys, an independent organization monitoring pay and conditions in Britain, shows that nearly half of the companies which participated in the annual survey expected an increase in profit sharing, share option and productivity schemes in the near future.

The trend towards performance-related increases in pay and benefits has been stimulated by a variety of tax incentives introduced by the Conservatives since 1979.

Profit sharing schemes, designed to increase employee commitment, are widely seen as one of the most promising ways of improving industrial relations.

Although the average basic annual holiday entitlement was only 22 days in 1986, up by one day since 1981, the actual proportion of employeesin managerial, clerical and manual grades now enjoying 25 days a year holiday entitlement appears to be increasing.

The survey also showed that while benefit packages for senior staff still tend to be more generous than those for lower staff, an increasing number of companies are working towards harmonizing benefits and conditions for all grades, reflecting companies' growing sensitivity towards charges of bias in the provision of benefits.

An increasing number of companies are providing private medical insurance, along with improved pension and retirement schemes in anticipation of the changes expected to take effect in January 1988, when employees will be able to choose more freely between private and company schemes, and take the scheme of their choice with them when they change employers.

Employee Benefits 1987, Reward Regional Surveys (1 Mill Street, Stone, Staffordshire: £50).

Wife encouraged her husband's suicide bid

A woman's reaction to her husband's suicide threat was to pack a bag with whisky, lager and pills and take it to his office.

She left after refusing his request to be allowed a last kiss. When he later telephoned her to say he had not gone through with it, she told him: "I knew you had no guts."

The Court of Appeal ruled that the "grave" conduct of Mrs Diana Kyte, a mother of four, in response to the suicide attempts of her 48-year-old husband Graham should be taken into account in assessing her divorce award.

Lord Justice Purchas said Mrs Kyte's behaviour, coupled with her "wholly deceitful conduct" in relation to her lover, was of a "gross and obvious kind" which could not be ignored.

The court allowed an appeal by Mr Kyte, of Catherine Road, Manchester, against the decision of Mr Justice Ewbank in the High Court in January to award £14,000 to Mrs Kyte, aged 39, of Downham Crescent, Prestwich, Manchester.

The judges reduced the award to £5,000.

Campaign to halt rail vandalism

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

A school teacher in Hertfordshire led pupils across a railway line to reach a nature trail as though it were a road.

The incident was cited yesterday by British Transport Police, which is increasingly worried about trespass and vandalism on rail lines. Parents do not adequately appreciate the dangers, says the force and it has launched a campaign in part of British Rail's eastern region.

The Hertfordshire teacher was said to have stood in the middle of the track beckoning between 20 and 30 children as they crossed in crocodile file.

The annual report of the Chief Constable of British Transport Police says there were 4,016 reported incidents last year where the safety of passengers' lives had been endangered; 31,000 cases of trespass on railway property; 2,683 incidents of obstructing the track and 7,428 of throwing stones at trains.

Some of the worst areas for vandalism and trespass are between London and Southend in Essex where more than 6,432 criminal acts were reported in 1986.

Aids virus 'can be destroyed'

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A discovery by two of the leading teams engaged in research into the Aids virus suggests that some people may be able to destroy the infection.

Scientists from the United States and France have isolated one type of white blood cell, or lymphocyte, which will kill those that become infected with HIV, the human immuno-deficiency virus.

The scientists found the lymphocytes, which destroy virus-infected white blood cells, in the blood of individuals who had been diagnosed as HIV-positive. Some had developed the disease and others had not.

According to the research teams, the discovery could help in devising more effective treatments for Aids and in constructing a vaccine against the disease.

The findings, made independently at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the National Institutes of Health in the US and at the Pasteur Institute and two other Paris hospitals, are described in today's issue of *Nature*, the scientific journal.

Reform group condemns 'biased' sex penalties

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The Howard League, the penal reform group, launched a campaign yesterday for men and women to be treated equally for sexual crimes with the same maximum penalties.

Mr Paul Sieghart, a barrister, said at a league seminar: "Women can be raped: men can't. It's perfectly legal to commit buggery with your consenting male friend, but if you do it with your consenting wife you could go to prison for life."

Dr Donald West, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Criminology at Cambridge University, said: "It would be ridiculous for the law to treat crimes like theft or burglary according to whether the victim or the perpetrator was male or female. I think it right and just and logical to abandon any such distinction in relation to sexual misconduct."

If a man appeared naked at a window as a woman passed by he might be found guilty of indecent exposure, but if their positions were reversed, he could be guilty of being a peeping Tom.

The fact that female sexual misconduct was relatively rare was no justification for treating it differently.

While women had more fear of being overpowered in confrontation with a man and were vulnerable to unwanted pregnancy, male victims could under certain circumstances also experience distress, the league maintained.

A survey in the United States had found that men as well as women complained of sexual harrassment at work, and a report of heterosexual violence related how a man had been tied naked to a bed in a motel room by several women. By threatening to cut his genitals they forced him to have intercourse with them one after another.

Dr West said that in a survey in this country of the recollections of young adult males sexual incidents involving very young boys and much older women were occasionally described.

Male homosexual misconduct was considered by some people as much more blameworthy than heterosexual misconduct or lesbian misconduct. Thus 21 was the age of consent for male-male sexual contacts, 16 for male-female or female-female.

Likewise soliciting by males for homosexual contacts was treated differently from soliciting of males by females. The former was an imprisonable offence, even if no payment was involved, the latter was non-imprisonable and an offence only if the solicitation was for the purposes of prostitution.

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Rifkind says wait and see

It now looked unlikely that Guinness would now set up its headquarters in Edinburgh as had been promised at the time of the takeover of the Distillers company, Mr Alistair Darling (Edinburgh Central, Lab) said during Scottish questions.

Did the Secretary of State (Mr Malcolm Rifkind) regret the company's now being called United Distillers when most of its representatives were living in the South of England?

Was *that not a slap in the* face for the Scottish business community, and illustrated how powerless the Government was to attract the office and business development that it had managed to generate in other parts of the United Kingdom?

Mr Rifkind said that,in regard to Guinness, as Secretary of State for Scotland his main interest was where the Scottish whisky aspect of the Guinness company was centered and controlled, rather than from where the beer aspect was controlled.

There was to be some reorganization of the company and that might lead to greater effective control of the whisky aspect of Guinness in Scotland. *The House would have to* wait and see exactly what the company's proposals were.

More health cash for Scots

Expenditure *a head on health* in Scotland is 23 per cent more than in the rest of the United Kingdom, *Mr Michael* Forsyth, Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office, said during question time. The number of health staff was 39 per cent more and Scotland had 59 per cent more hospital beds.

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) had asked not only whether the per capita spending on the health service was higher in Scotland but had also suggested that more was spent a head on alcohol, tobacco and confectionery and asked what impact that had on the effectiveness of the health service.

Mr Forsyth said that the Government approach to that point was to attempt to change attitudes and behaviour.

Tribute to Hailsham

Lord Havers paid tribute to *Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone*, his predecessor as Lord Chancellor, in the House of Lords when they both took part in the debate on family courts.

From the woolsack Lord Havers said: Great warrior, I salute you and wish you well in what some say is your early retirement and I wish you every happiness and success in the days ahead.

Transfer for museum

Responsibility for the Natural History Museum in Kensington, west London, is to be transferred from the Department of Education and Science to the Minister for the Arts, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, announced in a written reply.

That would enable the museum to play its full part alongside the other great national museums and gallaries in the Government's developing policies for the national heritage, she said.

£2.45m cars

The cost of providing chauffeur-driven cars for ministers in 1986-87 was £2,450,000. Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a Commons written reply.

New peer

Lord Knights of Edgbaston, formerly Sir Philip Knights, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, took his seat in the House of Lords.

Baker forestalls obstruction of his college plans

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced to the Commons his proposals to forestall obstruction to the Government's plans for freeing polytechnics and other major colleges from local authority control.

The plans also allow inner London boroughs to opt out of the control of the Inner London Education Authority.

In a statement, he said that from midnight tonight education authorities would have to seek his permission before disposing of land or buildings linked to the polytechnics or *colleges concerned.*

He said that he would not hesitate to take whatever steps were necessary to prevent the interests of present and future students being jeopardized.

Mr Baker said that it was not his intention to take power to veto contracts of employment.

His proposals are to be included in the Education Bill to be introduced *in the autumn.*

Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, accused Mr Baker of trying to govern by gimmick. The *statement*, he said, was astonishing even by his standards of megalomaniacal centralization.

Mr Baker said: In our White Paper on higher education we gave notice of our intention to *legislate to re-establish the polytechnics* and certain local authority maintained colleges as free-standing corporate bodies outside local authority control.

The White Paper indicated that the new funding arrangements would also apply to certain institutions assisted by local education authorities. We expressed confidence that the local authorities would in the intervening period before the legislation was enacted continue to act responsibily in the funding of the institutions due for transfer and the upkeep of their *plant.*

I remain confident that the great majority of authorities will act responsibly, but it has come to my attention that a small number of local authorities are planning or taking steps which would either deprive the polytechnic or college concerned of assets which it needs for effective operation or would seriously encumber those assets.

Regrettably this makes it necessary for me to take action to protect these institutions. I am not prepared to allow the interests of present and future students to be put at risk in this way. *It is neither in the* local nor the national interest that damage should be done to the education these institutions do and will continue to provide.

I therefore propose to seek Parliament's approval in the forthcoming legislation to a measure whereby my specific consent will be required for all disposals by local education authorities of land or interests in land, including buildings, used or held or obtained for or in connection with the purposes of these institutions.

These are the ones which I *intend to be free-standing* corporate bodies together with those institutions which are presently assisted by local education authorities and which I intend should become funded *by the Polytechnics and Colleges* Funding Council.

The disposal of land or interests in land requiring my consent will include outright sales, granting or otherwise disposing of any leasehold or other interest in land, direct sale and leaseback, any mortgage or other charge designed to raise capital on the security of land.

It will also include any disposal which is made in return for the supply of goods or services. In referring to disposals I include entering into any binding obligation to make *a disposal of the kind in* question.

Similarly, in relation to our proposals to allow inner London authorities to apply to take over from the Inner London Education Authority the responsibilities of the local education authority for their areas, the Government has decided to include provisions within the legislation requiring Ilea to obtain my consent in advance to the following actions:

- Any disposal of land or interests in land including buildings used or held or obtained for or in connection with their education functions. Disposals will be as in the case of polytechnics and colleges;
- Any contract for a consideration having a value in excess *of £15,000.*

In considering whether to give my consent I may seek the views of parties affected, including any inner London authority with a *potential interest in the* transaction.

I shall seek Parliament's approval to the provisions both for the polytechnics and colleges and for Ilea having effect from midnight tonight. This statement does not affect enforceable obligations entered into before midnight tonight.

I shall also seek Parliament's approval for certain sanctions where my consent has not been obtained in advance. For the disposal of land or interests in land without my consent there will be a power of compulsory purchase with a right of recovery from the local authority or from Ilea of any compensation payable.

In the case of contracts, *including contracts for disposal* which I have mentioned entered into without my consent, there will be a right of repudiation, and such repudiation will be deemed to be a repudiation by *Ilea or the relevant local* authority, so that any liability in damages will remain with Ilea or the relevant local authority.

My department is today writing to all local education authorities which currently maintain or assist polytechnics or colleges affected by the legislation and to Ilea and to the inner London authorities to explain how these provisions will be applied.

I shall continue to monitor the activities of maintaining and assisting local authorities, and of Ilea in particular, and shall *not hesitate to take whatever* additional steps are necessary to prevent the interests of present and future pupils and students from being jeopardized.

Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education: The statement is a consequence of Mr Baker's trying to govern by gimmick.

Will he confirm that last Friday at 4pm he said that schools which opted out could not opt back, and that by midnight, he had to say that they could?

He complains of the actions of a number of education authorities. Since he spoke so eloquently to the Council of Education Authorities last Friday of his commitment to partnership with the education authorities, has he or have his officials had any contact with the local education authorities before this statement — not after?

The councils concerned included a number of Conservative authorities such as Essex and Hampshire.

Why is he seeking retrospectively to control not only the disposal of land, but every contract of more than £15,000? That is astonishing, even by his standards of megalomaniacal centralization (Conservative protests).

Will he confirm that this will mean that the Secretary of State will have a veto, not only over contracts for school meals supplies, books and equipment, but over the appointment of any teacher or head teacher who will earn more than £15,000 a year.

What consultation period will he allow? Will it be the absurdly short period of other consulta*tion documents? When will the* main consultation document on Ilea be issued?

This will lead to further administrative chaos and uncertainty. He should withdraw the proposal and seek the partnership with local authorities which he says he wants.

He has rejected the report on Ilea which he chaired and in which he concluded that such opting out would lead to a rump of poor, deprived boroughs and an increase of costs. If he thought that then, how can he pursue this policy now?

He is developing a reputation for a lethal mixture of arrogance and incompetence which is worse than that of Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment. He should remember that while he is messing around with the education system, he is putting children's futures at risk.

Mr Baker: The Government would be accused of gross *negligence if, by the time the Bill* were presented to Parliament, the polytechnics and colleges were mortgaged or lost. That would be to the detriment of students and pupils.

I have talked to directors of polytechnics, some of whom are not prominent supporters of my party. They have expressed considerable concern about arrangements which may be made and which they have heard of. I think it right for me to take this action today.

I intend shortly to issue a *general consent and it would not* be my intention to cover contracts of employment. I hope to be able to give general consent through a wide range.

It is not my intention to disrupt education in a wide range of the educational activities of Ilea, but we are concerned about any contract which carried forward a heavy obligation on individual London boroughs which might wish to opt out, or upon polytechnics and colleges.

Those charges which may be incurred would have to be met before any other charges for teaching and education. This is a prudent and necessary act.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L): Mr Baker knows that I oppose his proposals and will continue *to oppose them* strenuously as they pass through the House.

While I can understand local authorities and others seeking to try it on, it is wrong that they should seek to subvert the decision of the House before it is taken.

Although I believe the level of £15,000 is far too low, were I in his position I would take very similar action and if Mr Straw were honest, I suspect that he would, too (protests and Labour shouts of "Withdraw").

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): All hon gentlemen are honest.

Mr Ashdown: That was inadvertent misuse of words. May I use the word "frank"?

Mr Baker: I thank him for his support for the Government's proposals.

He has said that we declared our intention clearly, to bring forward legislation. It would be wrong for action to be deliberately taken *to thwart that.* It is not retrospective but I have declared our intention to act from today.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) said that it would be disgraceful if assets in the form of buildings, land and facilities, were diminished by certain Labour authorities.

Mr Thomas Cox (Tooting, Lab) sought an assurance that there would be full consultation with everyone involved before very critical decisions about Ilea were made.

Mr Baker said that he could give that assurance. It was not his intention to interfere with the day-to-day running of Ilea. He intended to issue a series of consents in the next few days to ensure that the general running of Ilea continued.

He also wanted to ensure that onerous obligations were not entered into for the coming years which might limit and bind any individual boroughs.

Mr Cyril Pattack (Sheffield, Hallam, C) wanted to know what penalties would be taken against offending councils.

Mr Baker said that sanctions available to the district auditor for dealing with unlawful expenditure or wilful misconduct may apply.

Miss Hilary Armstrong (Durham North West, Lab) said that the continued undermining of *the relationship between* polytechnics and local authorities was undermining the future of continuing education.

Mr Baker said that he wanted to ensure that these institutions retained their strong local links.

Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton, C) spoke of "the tricks" that the GLC got up to before its abolition.

Mr Baker said that he did indeed remember the various tricks of the GLC and Mr Ken Livingstone.



Mr Kenneth Baker (left), Mr Paddy Ashdown (centre) and Mr Jack Straw, who were in dispute in the Commons yesterday over the Secretary of State's education statement.

Minister refuses to delay poll tax implementation for Scots

Labour MPs urged ministers to delay the implementation of the community charge in Scotland until it had also been fully implemented in England and Wales.

Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk East, Lab) pointed out during Scottish questions the anomalies that would arise if no such delay was arranged. In Scotland, students at nursing college, police officers and Servicemen would all have to pay the poll tax while their counterparts in England and Wales would not have to pay it.

Why not just gather up all the copies of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Act, 1987, which introduced the charge in Scotland, and set fire to them? That would get rid of the whole stupid carry-on (Labour cheers).

Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State for Scotland, said that the Act had been brought forward to meet a pressing need in Scotland. The implementation of the community charge could not come soon enough.

Mr Allan Stewart (Eastwood, C) reminded the House of the remarkable ease with which the Act went through its committee stage. This week the supposed great assault by the Labour Party on local authority finance in Scotland had ended in a humiliating fiasco when only 80 Labour MPs stayed for the final stages of debate.

All that showed that Labour's opposition was limited to making a lot of noise during the day. They did not have the guts to stay to fight after midnight.

Mr Lang agreed.

Mr Brian Wilson (Cunninghame North, Lab) said that it would be extraordinary if the Government, with a majority of 180 in England and Wales, were "frit" about introducing the poll tax before the next election while, with a minority of 62 in Scotland, they persisted with the introduction of the poll tax before that date despite the humiliation they suffered in Scotland.

Mr Lang said that reform of the domestic rating system was a UK policy for which the Government had a UK mandate.

Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C) said that one of the great advantages of the community charge was that people would be paying for what they voted for.

It might be a good thing if the Government were to consider *not having any rebates at all* but insist on everyone paying the full amount. Those on public support, such as students or people receiving supplementary benefit, could have the UK *average paid to them — that* would help accountability.

Mr Lang said that the community charge was a simpler and fairer system and it took account of people's capacity to pay. A rebate system was an integral part of that system.

Mr Tony Worthington (Clydebank and Milngavie, Lab) said the finance directors of Scottish local councils had estimated that only 80 per cent of the poll tax would actually be recovered. By what amount did the minister advise local authorities to increase the poll tax on those who were paying it in order to compensate for that under-recovery?

Mr Lang said Mr Worthington's question was based on a mistaken assumption because 80 per cent had been the minimum estimate of recovery. The vast majority of people were law-abiding.

Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP) said that Scottish Conservative MPs had been abolished almost as quickly as English MPs had rushed through the lobbies to make Scottish people the guinea pigs for the poll tax.

Almost every section of the community in Scotland was angry about the poll tax, including the business community and the church. Would the minister now reconsider the Government's failure to honour its promise to exempt churches from the poll tax?

Mr Lang said that it was a *personal tax and he thought that* church ministers in Scotland would wish to pay it in the same way as the other members of their community.

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, C) said that if Scottish MPs had a mandate to govern in Scotland they did not have a mandate to govern in *England. Could the House* therefore assume that no Scottish MPs would be voting on the introduction of the poll tax in England?

Mr Lang said that he found the whole concept of a Scottish mandate incomprehensible.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that the Scottish electorate had told the Government that the poll tax was unwanted and unworkable. Did he agree with the Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Malcolm Rifkind) that it would be wrong to have *different local taxation systems* north and south of the border?

Mr Lang said that it had been in response to representations from the Labour Party and others that the Government had *decided that phasing in the new* system in Scotland was inappropriate.

Assembly plea is rejected

Calls by Opposition MPs for a Scottish assembly to be set up were rejected during Scottish questions by **Mr Malcolm Rifkind**, Secretary of State.

He said that any form of devolution which proposed, *within a unitary state*, a devolved system of government for one part of the UK without any consequential changes for the other parts was profoundly unworkable.

He was replying to **Mr Tom Arnold** (Hazel Grove, C).

Mr Frank Doran (Aberdeen, South, Lab) said that the Conservatives had given a *commitment during the election* to enter into discussions on the future government of Scotland if there was evidence of a demand for an assembly.

Mr Rifkind said that in the *Grampian region feeling* had always been against an assembly.

MPs angry over Ravenscraig

The Government came under attack from Opposition MPs for not giving an unequivocal undertaking during Scottish questions in the Commons over the long-term future of Ravenscraig steelworks.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, agreed with **Dr Jeremy Bray** (Motherwell South, Lab) that Ravenscraig had contributed to the present healthy profitability of the British Steel Corporation — and told him that the economic health of the steel industry in Scotland depended upon that.

Mr Rifkind went on to congratulate the Ravenscraig *management and workforce for* achieving productivity and output records. And he pointed out that the British Steel Corporation had announced £30 million-worth of varied investment in Ravenscraig (Labour cry of "Short-term!").

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan, Lab), a former Secretary of State for Scotland, demanded a guarantee over the long-term future of Ravenscraig.

Mr Rifkind said that he believed that the corporation would take account of productivity and output when it made its decisions.

Mr John Maxton, an Opposition spokesman on Scottish affairs, referred later to a European Community report, which asked the steel industries in member states to cut production by 30 million tonnes and shed 80,00 jobs over the next three years.

What guarantee was Mr Rifkind giving Ravenscraig that it would stay open?

Would he put his own job on the line?

Mr Rifkind accused Mr Maxton of failing to understand the degree of disservice he was doing to Ravenscraig.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland; Prime Minister. Motions on Northern Ireland orders relating to water fluoridation, charities, latent damage and enduring powers of attorney. Consideration of Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.

Lords (11): Finance Bill, second reading and remaining stages. Motion on peers' secretarial allowances.

Members' salaries debate

MPs vote themselves a £4,048-a-year pay rise

The following report of the Commons debate on MPs' pay rises appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

MPs voted by 407 to 34, a majority of 373, to increase their pay by £4,048 a year from January 1, 1988, and to link it in future to a Civil Service grade.

Mr Dave Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab) urged Labour MPs in a packed House to reject *the rise and, if it was approved,* to follow his example and give it to the Labour Party to save the party publications and the jobs of those working on them.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House of Commons, said when he opened the debate that the Government had accepted that in future MPs' salaries should be linked to a Civil Service grade. He moved that from 1988 pay should be 89 per cent of the maximum on Civil Service grade 6.

He said that members' salaries were an *intimate* and sensitive subject for debate. On the last occasion it had been said it was invidious and embarrassing and he was therefore proposing an amendment which would in future provide an automatic adjustment in salaries without the need for an annual debate.

The present salary was £18,500 and the proposal was that that should be increased by £4,048 to £22,548, from January 1, 1988, by linking it to the salary paid to the Civil Service grade earning £18,500 in July 1983.

The Government had not originally supported linkage, nor this particular linkage, but the House had voted for it. He therefore now supported the linkage and believed the Government had a responsibility to listen to the House on such matters and sometimes to defer to its judgement.

The Government did not believe that a percentage increase similar to that proposed for MPs would be appropriate for ministers and office holders. *Junior ministers in particular* should not be worse off than if they had stayed on the back bench. The proposal therefore was that ministers and office holders should receive the same £4,048 rise from January 1, 1988.

He had decided that secretarial and research allowances should in future be known as the office cost allowance to emphasize that the payment was for costs and did not represent a second general source of income. The recommendation was that it should be increased from £19,000 to £20,140.

Mr Frank Dobson, chief Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs, advised Labour MPs, on a free vote, to *support the motion.*

One bit of humbug was the Prime Minister's position. Many press leaks suggested that she wished to block or reduce *the increase. But that could not* really be true because in 1983 she voted twice for the proposition.

He was advised that not a single lobby journalist working for a national newspaper would be paid less than MPs.

It would be better and sounder for democracy if *differentials between ministers* and backbenchers were reduced.

If some MPs now did not want to take the pay, that was their own decision. They should not obstruct *those who felt they* could make good use of it.

Mr Stanley Orme (Salford East, Lab) chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, said that what was being proposed was not excessive.

Mr Stanley Crowther (Rotherham, Lab) said that for a basic 39-hour week with overtime at time and a half and double time at weekends, the new pay would average out to £4.35p an hour over the year.

Mr Nellist said that accepting the increase would take MPs further from the day-to-day *conditions of most of the* population.

If the rise went through, he would redistribute his. He had returned £16,000 take-home pay *to the Labour Party, pensioners'* clubs, unemployed groups and families of miners.

If the increase went through, the low paid, pensioners and *those on supplementary benefit* would see reports of the £80-a-week increase and would not see any difference between Labour and Tory MPs.

Amid uproar and laughter from the Conservative benches, Mr Nellist was involved in an argument with Mr Stanley Orme (Salford, Lab), chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Mr Nellist urged his Labour comrades to vote against the increase in solidarity with the low paid. "but if it is passed to give at least 5 per cent of their gross salary to....."

Mr Orme: To Militant.

Mr Nellist: No Stan, not Militant.

He said he meant that the 5 per cent should be given to Labour Party headquarters. Then there would be no need to close three party publications. About forty jobs would be saved.

Mr Orme, attending the party's national executive committee on Thursday as chairman of the PLP, could report an *additional £250,000 income for* the Labour party.

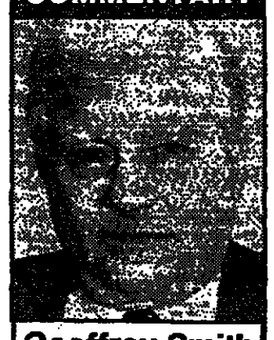
Mr Orme: I am not a member of the national executive of the Labour Party.

Mr Christopher Mullin (Sunderland South, Lab) said a woman in his constituency was being paid £47.50 for a 41-hour week. He would not be able to look people like her in the eye if he voted himself a pay increase of £80 a week. "I cannot do it. I won't do it."

An amendment to abate MPs' pay by a proportion of their outside earnings was rejected by 275 votes to 65, majority against, 210.

An amendment moved by Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) *to index link the allowance* for this year to inflation, and to use that figure as the base figure for future years, was carried by 241 votes to 198, majority 43.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

If there is an agreement *between the superpowers to* eliminate intermediate nuclear forces (INF), it could require the introduction of new missiles to fill specific gaps. So Mr George Younger told Westminster journalists this week.

New air-launched missiles or an extension of submarine-launched cruise missiles might be needed by Western Europe, the Secretary of State for Defence explained, to plug gaps in Nato's flexible response strategy.

Nato defence ministers were reported to be under great pressure from their military advisers at their meeting in Stavanger in May to plan for the introduction of new nuclear systems in Europe to compensate for the weapons that would be eliminated in an INF deal.

But it is surely strange to negotiate an arrangement for which it is known from the beginning that it will be necessary to compensate. Why should Mr Younger be exulting at the prospect of the first agreement to remove a whole class of nuclear weapons if *that will leave a gap in Nato* strategy which needs to be plugged?

The answer to these apparent illogicalities is politics. A swift and dramatic disarmament deal would suit both superpowers politically.

Mr Gorbachov will want to *show his colleagues that his* new approach to diplomacy can achieve swift results.

President Reagan requires a spectacular diplomatic achievement even more urgently to distract attention from Irangate.

The leading West European governments do not have the same political interest in the deal that is contemplated, but they are politically inhibited from opposing it. That is partly because they do not want to get out of step with the United States, but even more because they are trapped by what they have themselves said in the past.

From the beginning two distinct arguments were advanced for having medium-range *nuclear missiles in* Western Europe. They were required to close what would otherwise be a gap in the chain of deterrence.

***Without American missiles* on the ground in Europe capable of striking the Soviet Union, the United States might be unable to resist superior Soviet forces in Europe without resorting to strategic weapons.**

So these missiles were seen as coupling the United States more firmly to the defence of Europe. They were also presented as a counter to the build-up of Soviet SS20s.

The second of these arguments was the easier to put forward crisply and clearly. But the first was the more fundamental. It would require the deployment of some missiles *in Western Europe* even if there were no SS20s.

None the less, European governments were happy to support President Reagan's *proposal in 1981 not to deploy* any Western INF if the SS20s were removed. This zero-zero offer was good propaganda, and there seemed little chance *of the Soviet Union accepting.*

Before Reykjavik it was thought that a limit would be negotiated of about a hundred missile warheads on each side in Europe. But at the summit Mr Gorbachov called the Western bluff by accepting zero-zero.

The West responded, once it had caught its breath, by pointing to the imbalance that would remain in the shorter-range INF. Then let us have *zero-zero there as well*, said Mr Gorbachov.

Despite a good deal of agonizing in West Germany, European governments have concluded that they had better make the best of it. Mr Younger has played it brilliantly in political terms. He is claiming credit for what he asserts will be a good agreement. No doubts, no backward glances.

But a deal that would leave gaps to be plugged cannot be good for European security. Either Europe would be left more vulnerable or new weapons would have to be introduced *to compensate* for others that were being negotiated away. That would make a mockery of the whole disarmament process.



Solicitor said his mistress 'urged him to murder her'

By Ian Smith

A solicitor made a suicide pact with his pregnant French-born mistress because they feared he would be jailed for fraud, leaving her at the mercy of her estranged husband, a jury was told yesterday.

Ian Wood talked about his fears in an anguished telephone call to a colleague 24 hours after shooting dead Danielle Lloyd and her daughter Stephanie, aged two, and attempting to murder her son Christopher, aged five, Sheffield Crown Court was told.

Wood told Mr Brian Armatys, president of Sheffield Law Society, that Danielle's husband Colin hated him implacably and would "crucify" Danielle once he was no longer there to protect her.

Mr Armatys told the court that Wood said Danielle had asked him to kill her and the children, an "appalling act" that he was only able to attempt because he loved them. She also asked him to murder her husband, a deputy headmaster at a secondary school, but this, he told Mr Armatys, he was unable to do because it would be an act of hatred, something of which he was incapable.

Evidence about the telephone confession was given on the second day of the trial in which Wood, aged 37, secretary of the Sheffield branch of the Law Society and clerk to the Tax Commissioners, admits murdering Stephanie Lloyd and attempting to kill her brother Christopher last September.

He denies murdering their mother and instead has entered a plea of manslaughter, claiming that he and Danielle had made a tryst to end their lives. Wood also pleads guilty to stealing £84,000 from clients of the legal practice he opened in 1983, though the prosecution alleges that he misappropriated more than £150,000.

Mr Armatys said that during the telephone conversation Wood said that once he had been a nice man but no longer was. His business was in difficulties and clients' money was missing. Saying he could hardly telephone because he was shaking so much, Wood said that he planned to admit his fraud to police and then take his own life. The couple had truly loved each other, he told Mr Armatys, and he must join Danielle to end the nightmare.

Confessing his abuse of clients' funds, Wood said that the most tragic part of the scandal was that most of the stolen money had been taken from members of his own family, including his nephew, his brother and his mother.

Earlier, the court had been told of Wood's authoritarian attitude to Danielle's two children. The jury was told that whenever the children misbehaved he became white-faced and waved an admonishing finger at them, making them nervous and apprehensive.

This treatment was witnessed on several occasions by Danielle's mother, Mme Therese Ledez, who said that Wood had visited her home near Amiens three times after meeting Danielle.

She told French police in a statement that her daughter telephoned her less than two hours before she met her death. "I am certain Danielle did not intend to commit suicide because she loved her children and when we had finished talking she said that she would ring next Sunday", said the statement. Instead, Wood rang several days after the shootings and asked to speak to Danielle's brother Pierre.

Mlle Pascale Querciole, a friend of Danielle, described the friction which developed between the dead woman and her husband after he left home to live with another woman. Danielle had visited the woman's home, harangued the couple both inside and outside the house, and on one occasion had poured oil over the woman's car.

The hearing continues today.



Ian Wood: made anguished call to a colleague.

Historic honour for a Princess among grocers

By Robin Young

With a civic ceremony more than 700 years old the most upmarket grocer in the land got the freedom of the City of London yesterday.

The Princess of Wales, one learnt yesterday, has grocery in common with at least two well-known Prime Ministers.

She was presented for the freedom of the City by her livery company, the Worshipful Company of Grocers. If that makes the Princess of Wales sound rather like a hamper, one need hardly add that she looked a cracker.

She wore a tight-fitting two-piece suit panelled in contrasting colours, and a wide white-brimmed hat. Since the crown of the hat (all that one could see most of the time from the press observation posts) was perceptibly a dark navy blue fashion dictates that the colour in the suit should have been navy also, and so it was described by many commentators. All one can say with certainty is that it looked black. The apparent mismatch occasioned some debate among the watching crowd.

This was a big day for the Princess. The media had been alerted to the fact that this would be the occasion for one of her first major speeches. Unaccustomed as she is to public speaking, the Princess was billed to run on a full seven minutes in her gratitude for a gesture which would put her once more a cut above the Duchess of York, who got the freedom of the city of York just a few days ago.



A humorous moment for the Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday when the Lord Mayor of London's car refused to start.

We were all agog as Gog and Magog, along with the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, the Sheriffs, not to mention the Farriers, Fletchers, Fanmakers and all the other ancient mysteries of London, welcomed her to Guildhall for the ordeal.

In truth to make the five pages of large-print double-spaced text last seven minutes would have been rather like entering a slow bicycle race. It would have invited falling off in one's delivery, or even, perhaps, collapsing in a fit of schoolgirlish giggles. Prince Charles, seated among a shoal of Fishmongers for reasons too deep to fathom, looked miserable as if he expected the worst.

The Princess had confided that she was "terrified" about the speech beforehand. But she filled the bill exactly to order, like a true grocer.

She made no attempt on the seven-minute record. That marathon awaits another occasion. But she paced herself sensibly and evenly, read her lines with only two minor moments of hesitation and delivered three jokes.

One involved the supposed right of Freepersons to drive sheep across London Bridge and through the City of London. The Princess promised to give good warning before availing herself of the privilege. This anomaly is a well-tried chestnut at freedom ceremonies, though, so the Princess did well to elaborate her personal claim to it, pointing out that her ancestors had made the Spencer fortune out of sheep in the sixteenth century.

The other light jest involved the ticklish subject of architecture. The afternoon's ceremonies, after all, required the Prince and Princess to take a bow from the Mansion House balcony, just across the street from the scaffolded and police-patrolled Mappin & Webb site where Mr Peter Palumbo would have liked to erect what Prince Charles dismissed as a Mies van der Rohe "stump".

Mr Palumbo's later plans, though they have escaped explicit Princely condemnation, are still the subject of great contention, so the would-be developer will be grateful that the Princess did not put her high-heeled shoe in.

Instead she referred to the Barbican Centre — "which contributes so greatly to London's artistic life, whatever one says about its architecture!" — and having said that, herself tactfully said nothing about its architecture at all.

Bar holds out for legal aid promise

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Bar is locked in a fresh dispute with the Lord Chancellor's department over legal aid fees.

Senior representatives are refusing to sign draft rules which will radically alter the way barristers and solicitors are paid for family legal aid work.

Under the proposals, which it was hoped would come into force this year, lawyers will be paid by prescribed hourly rates in the same way they are paid for criminal legal aid work.

But the Bar first wants a pledge for a permanent scheme to settle legal aid bills during long-running cases, without any limit on the amount.

In turn, however, the Lord Chancellor's officials are unwilling to effect a reform that barristers and solicitors badly want — the removal of the automatic deduction of 10 per cent from all High Court legal aid bills before payment.

The Government made clear in its legal aid White Paper, which is to form the basis of a Bill in the autumn, that only when measures to increase control over legal aid expenditure have been achieved will it bring in a permanent "payments on account" scheme and abolish the 10 per cent deduction.

Advance payments have been made to help lawyers who may have to wait several years for bills to be paid; but such schemes have been ad hoc and temporary. Lawyers want them to be permanent and for legal aid bills submitted during a long case to be met in full, and not just proportionately as at present.

The prescribed rates of pay for family work are being brought in because the Lord Chancellor, Lord Havers, wants far greater control over what is one of the biggest drains on the legal aid fund, and also for consistency. Lawyers currently submit bills to a registrar who decides if they are reasonable, and these decisions vary.

The delays over the new rules, the payments on account scheme and the 10 per cent deduction are causing increasing concern among legal aid practitioners.

Mr Tony Girling, the Law Society council member involved in the negotiations, said: "We had expected these rules to take effect by the beginning of this year. The society's position is that we are content that the rules should be signed".

Judge replies to clergy criticism on sentences

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, has replied to recent criticism by the clergy that judges send too many people to prison for too long.

Responsibility for keeping down the numbers of people needing punishment could be laid more appropriately at the door of the church than that of the courts, he said.

"Of course too many people are sent to prison. Of course prison seldom has any rehabilitative effect upon those who are sent there. That has been recognized for years.

"But the trouble is that there are too many people requiring punishment and that is because of factors over which, I think it is fair to say, the Church might be expected to have more influence than the courts."

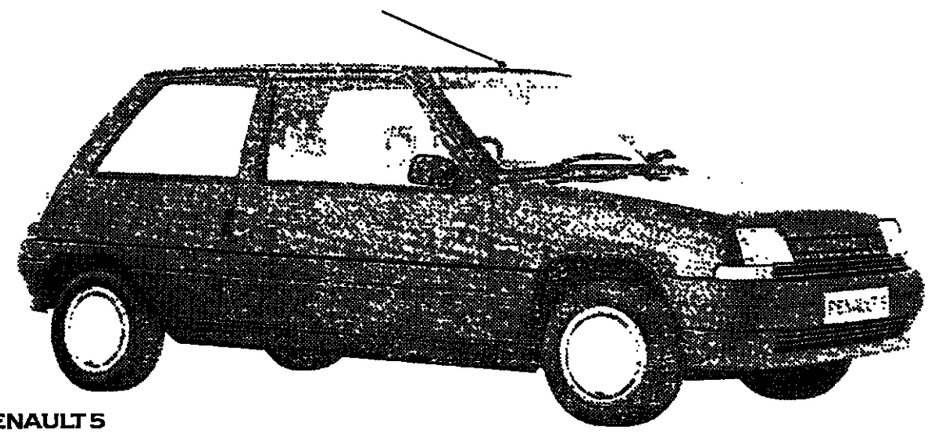
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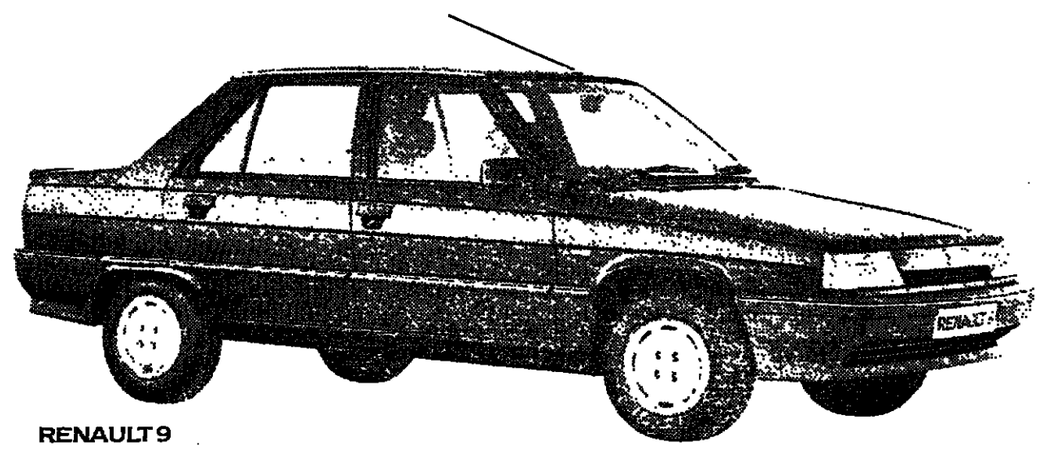
Lord Lane was addressing the annual dinner of judges at the Mansion House in London, attended by all senior judges, including the Lord Chancellor.

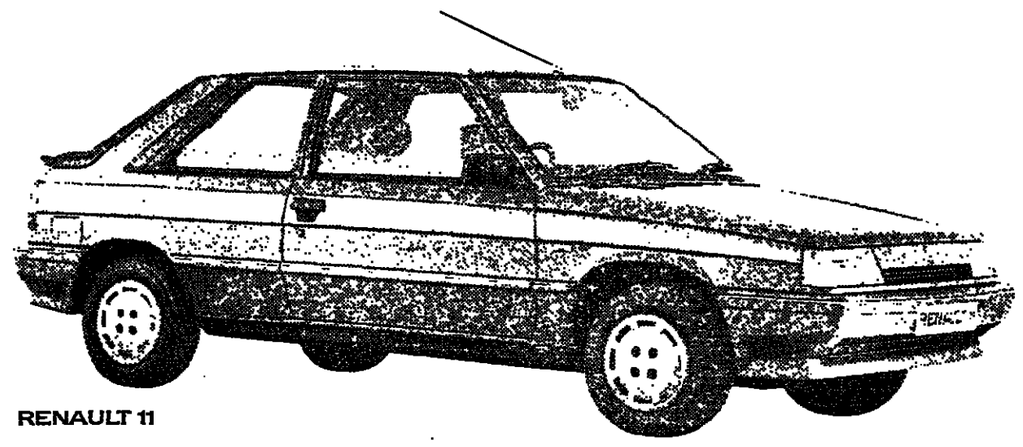
Lord Lane used the occasion to attack proposals from the Lord Chancellor's department for reforming the civil courts.

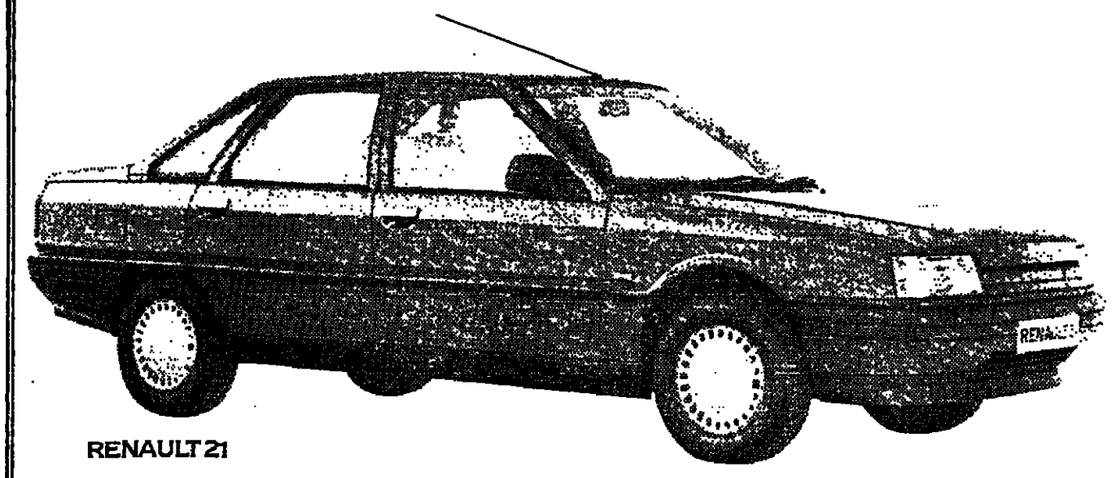
The proposals envisage longer working hours for judges and the merging of the High Court and county court.

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WORLD SUMMARY

EEC £700m for fusion reactor

Brussels – The EEC is to set aside nearly £700 million of its newly-agreed research and development programme to fund an experimental fusion nuclear reactor as a joint European project, under proposals put forward yesterday by the European Commission (Richard Owen writes).

No decision has been taken on where it would be sited. But the Commission's decision to go ahead with the "exciting and new" project – which needs approval by EEC ministers – follows several years of feasibility studies at the JET laboratories at Culham in Oxfordshire.

EEC energy experts said that fusion technology, based on the union of atomic nuclei rather than the traditional splitting of the atom, could provide "enormous quantities" of cheap, safe and practically pollution-free energy if the proposed EEC experiment proved successful.

Amnesty rebuked

Nairobi (Reuter) – President Moi of Kenya yesterday described as malicious propaganda a report released by Amnesty International on Tuesday that human rights were being violated in the country.

Speaking at a rally in the north-eastern town of Wajir, he told the organization to leave his country alone and to "stop spreading premeditated and malicious propaganda about Kenya and instead pay attention to human rights violations in South Africa and other countries where people are suffering untold sufferings".

Kenya's Foreign Ministry defended the human rights record, and President Moi denied that anyone had been denied his basic rights.

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Nicaragua talks start

Madrid – In their first overseas meeting, leaders of Nicaragua's seven principal opposition parties yesterday began to plan a joint strategy to make their troubled country more democratic without bloodshed (Harry Debelius writes).

They were attending a seminar organized by Liberal International and its Foundation for Freedom and Progress, and with the co-operation of the US National Democratic Institute.

Representatives of the seven parties told a news conference they had nothing to do with with the Contras and believed that the Sandinista Government could be obliged to restore suspended and restricted constitutional guarantees through political pressure.

War on prostitutes

Moscow – The Soviet Union disclosed yesterday that it was introducing legislation to make prostitution a criminal offence after previously regarding it as a failing peculiar to capitalist societies (Mary Dejevsky writes).

According to the literary magazine, *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, the law is already in force in the Russian Republic and will in time be introduced in the other 14. In terms of the law, prostitutes will be liable from now on to fines of up to 100 roubles (£100) for a first offence and up to 200 roubles for further offences within a year.

Karachi curfew

Karachi – A curfew was imposed on parts of eastern Karachi yesterday after seven people – among them four policemen and a 10-year-old child – were killed and more than 30 seriously wounded in clashes between police and angry crowds (Zahid Hussain writes).

Nine people have been killed since the violence began on Sunday when two ethnic groups clashed after a bus accident that left two dead and several hurt. Rioters turned against the police when militants accused police of killing the victims. Two policemen were killed on Tuesday night, and a third was lynched by a mob yesterday.

Marine on trial

Washington – The court martial began yesterday of Sergeant Clayton Lonetree, the former Marine guard at the US Embassy in Moscow who is charged with 18 counts of espionage (Michael Binyon writes).

The military trial at the Marine base in Quantico, Virginia, was open to the media. Sergeant Lonetree, aged 25, from Chicago, is accused of spying, conspiracy to commit espionage and five counts of disclosing the identity of American intelligence operatives to Soviet agents. He was accused of having an affair with a Soviet employee at the embassy and then passing secrets to the KGB.

Terrorist arrested

Munich – Police here have arrested a member of the French Action Directe terrorist group in a joint operation with French security, it was disclosed yesterday (John England writes). France and Germany agreed closer co-operation against European terrorism last April.

The man, aged 29, has not been named. Munich police are reported to be investigating whether he had contacted West Germany's Red Army Faction to plan a joint attack.

British submariners set record for ascent

Oslo (Reuter) – Two British submariners yesterday set a record for underwater ascent, rising 585 feet in 60 seconds from the submarine HMS Otus to the surface of a Norwegian fjord, a Royal Navy official said.

During the mock evacuation exercise the men, wearing waterproof survival suits, broke the previous record of just over 578 feet, also set by Britons.

The test was marred, however, when one of men developed the bends, an inherent danger when exiting a vessel at this depth.

"He was rushed to a decompression chamber on a Norwegian standby ship and is now out of danger," Commander Mike Sizeland said.

The bends occur when a diver rises too quickly after a prolonged stay in the deep. The sudden pressure change forms nitrogen bubbles in the bloodstream, contorting the body.

The evacuation exercise, which involves gradually expelling air from one's lungs to compensate for the pressure change as one nears the surface, is training for crews to escape stricken submarines.

Gulf move fails as Paris crisis reaches deadline

Tehran rejects UN ceasefire resolution

Nicosia (Reuter) – President Khamenei of Iran has said his country will never accept a UN Security Council resolution demanding a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, Tehran Radio reported yesterday.

"We will pursue the war . . . until the elimination of the regime governing Iraq," the radio quoted Mr Khamenei as saying in a speech yesterday at Ardebil in north-east Iran. "Iran will never accept this resolution, which was elaborated under US pressure," he said.

Tehran Radio last night quoted Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, as saying Monday's resolution had positive points but was "not enough" because it did not name Iraq as the original aggressor. "If they even refrain from mentioning the name of Iraq as the aggressor then it means that they lack the courage to adopt a correct and just decision," Mr Velayati said.

The resolution deplores "the initiation and the continuation of the conflict", without saying who started the war in September 1970.

The resolution calls on Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, to "explore, in consultation with Iran and Iraq, the question of entrusting an impartial body with inquiring into responsibility for the conflict".

Iran dates the war from the night of September 22-23, 1970, when Iraqi troops moved into Iran. Baghdad says the conflict started with border skirmishes engineered by Iran earlier that month.

● **BAGHDAD:** Iraq said yesterday that it was ready to implement the Security Council resolution if Tehran did likewise (Reuter reports).

An official spokesman, quoted by the Iraqi news agency, INA, said Iraq's commitment to the resolution was dependent on Iran's "frank and documented acceptance" of it. He said Baghdad welcomed the resolution, approved unanimously on Monday, and was willing to co-operate with the UN Secretary-General and the Security Council in implementing it.

The spokesman was speaking after President Saddam Hussein chaired a joint meeting of the Revolutionary Command Council and the Baath Party's regional leadership.

He emphasized that Iraq's acceptance of the resolution was conditional on the response from Tehran.

Iran's readiness "to implement unconditionally, with good intentions and seriously, its commitments provided by the resolution is a basic matter for the reciprocal commitments on our side", he said.

● **LONDON:** Iran's chargé d'affaires in Britain warned the United States yesterday that it was taking a risk by re-flagging and protecting two Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf. "We are strong and we are determined to face the American provocation," Mr Akhondzade Basti said on television. "This provocation by the Americans is a risky one. We are ready for any eventuality."

French agents question five Muslims about Paris attacks

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Five Lebanese Muslim extremists, including one who used to work in the Iranian Embassy in Paris, were being questioned here yesterday after being arrested by the French counter-intelligence service in connection with last year's terrorist bombing campaign in the capital.

One of them is said to have been in close contact with Mr Wahid Gordji, the unofficial number two at the embassy, whose refusal to give himself up for questioning about his suspected involvement in the same terrorist attacks was – and still is – the immediate cause of the present crisis between France and Iran.

One of the five was later released, but the four others were still being held in police custody last night.

As the five-day deadline originally set by France for the repatriation of the two countries' respective diplomats came to an end yesterday, there was still no sign of a shift in the entrenched positions on either side.

Paris is now preparing itself for a long haul, possibly lasting several weeks, if not months.

Both the Iranian Embassy in Paris and the French Embassy in Tehran remained blockaded yesterday.

However, the French Foreign Ministry said that an agreement was "imminent" on the representation of France's interests in Tehran by Italy, and of Iran's interests in Paris by Pakistan after the severing of diplomatic relations last Friday.

Mr Said Rajahi Khorassan, the Iranian representative at the United Nations, said in a French television interview yesterday that Iran would allow all members of the French Embassy to leave Tehran if France allowed all members of the Iranian Embassy, including Mr Gordji, to leave Paris.

However, France has repeatedly said that there is no question of Mr Gordji leaving before he has been questioned by the examining magistrate heading the inquiry into the terrorist bombing.

It would then be up to the magistrate to decide whether he should be charged.

The crisis has increased fears for French shipping in the Gulf. On Tuesday, M Ambroise Guellec, the French Minister for the Sea, said that two French oil tankers which were about to enter the Gulf would be provided with a naval escort despite his earlier general warning to French merchant vessels that they would not be given military protection and would enter the Gulf at their own risk.

Yesterday, however, the Ministry of Defence sought to "clarify" M Guellec's comments by saying that the oil tankers would be "accompanied" and not "escorted" by French warships, thereby distinguishing the French position from that adopted by the US for Kuwaiti oil tankers entering the Gulf under American colours.

Latest reports indicate that only one French oil tanker, the Athos, is likely to enter the Gulf this week.

Officers object to London reflagging

By David Sapsted

British merchant navy officers yesterday warned Mrs Thatcher not to allow Kuwaiti ships to reflag under the Red Ensign at a time when hundreds of United Kingdom officers were already risking their lives in the Gulf, many in foreign-registered vessels.

At the same time, fears over the threat to British lives also prompted the National Union of Seamen to warn that it would call for a boycott of all shipping beyond the Strait of Hormuz if there were any attacks by either Iran or Iraq on UK-registered ships.

The merchant officers' union, Numast, made its appeal to Mrs Thatcher after it was disclosed that Kuwait had already held tentative talks with Britain about reflagging some of its tankers. The Prime Minister made it clear that there would be no political objections to foreign ships re-registering.

Mr John Newman, the deputy general secretary of Numast, told Mrs Thatcher that allowing ships to reflag would "clearly add to the risks already faced by British ships in this area because any concept of the Red Ensign's neutrality would be destroyed".

A spokesman for the National Union of Seamen said yesterday that all British seamen had a contractual right to opt out of going to the Gulf and that many had exercised this option, including some who were at sea when orders were changed and they were informed they would be sailing to the war zone.

● **BONN:** The West German Government is examining the possibility of meeting Washington's request for Naval support in the Gulf but has made no firm plans, according to a Defence Ministry spokesman yesterday (John England writes).

The Defence Ministry and the Foreign Ministry both pointed out that West Germany's Basic Law (Constitution) bars its naval vessels from war operations outside the Nato area.

Actors win Pride in America awards



President Reagan raising a smile from the actors Lou Gossett and Clint Eastwood in the White House rose garden this week after the two had won awards in the Take Pride in America campaign.

Zapu vote surprises Zimbabwe

From A Correspondent Harare

Mr Joshua Nkomo's opposition Zapu party yesterday made a dramatic gesture of reconciliation to Mr Robert Mugabe's Government in Zimbabwe, voting in Parliament for a six-month renewal of the state of emergency.

This was despite a recent ban imposed under the regulations on all Zapu meetings in Matabeleland.

"Until the South African situation has been resolved one way or another, this calls on us all to rally to defend the mother country, without politicking among ourselves," the Zapu deputy leader, Mr Joseph Msika, told cheering members of Zanu (PF).

Relations between Zimbabwe's two surving black parties recently plummented after a breakdown in the protracted talks on unification and an upsurge of violence by dissidents in rural Matabeleland and the Midlands, where Zapu draws its principal support.

Yesterday's volte-face by supporters of 70-year-old Mr Nkomo, who was in the chamber, resulted in an atmosphere of demonstrative bonhommie between the two rival parties, suggesting the elusive unity accord may still be attained.

Pro-government white MPs joined with Mr Mugabe's side to renew the emergency by 65 votes to eight.

The only opposition to the move came from the right-wing Conservative Alliance (formerly called the Rhodesian Front), which under the leadership of the former Prime Minister, Mr Ian Smith, first had the emergency proclaimed in November 1965. Many of Zimbabwe's present leaders were detained under it between 1965 and 1974.

WHO conference in Sydney

Pacific faces Aids challenge

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Delegates from countries with little or no experience of the Aids epidemic have been listening sombrely here over the past few days to a grim vision of the world four years hence, in which up to three million people have the illness.

A World Health Organization meeting of 25 Pacific and South-East Asian nations is taking place in a region which – aside from a few pockets, including Australia – has been relatively unscathed. And though the experts say there is no room for complacency, they also maintain that Aids can be beaten in this part of the world.

Dr Jonathan Mann, the director of the World Health Organization special programme on Aids, told delegates, including the health ministers of 10 nations: "We have what it takes to stop Aids. We can dominate Aids, rather than let Aids dominate us. That is the challenge."

The countries at the conference represent an enormously varied cultural and racial mix – from South Pacific island groups, where religious beliefs are strong and intravenous drug abuse almost unknown, to oriental nations where taboos against homosexuality remain high.

According to statistics presented to the conference, large areas of the South Pacific, including Papua New Guinea and the island groups of Micronesia and Polynesia, have no known cases of the disease. But statistics are often unreliable. Only two cases have been reported to the World Health Organization by China. The six member states of the Association of South-East Asian Nations, with a combined population of more than 275 million, had notified just 12 cases between them by the beginning of April.

Dr Mann reckoned that for every case reported there were up to 100 more.

Dr Tili Puloka from Tonga, said the main fear was of importing the disease. Tonga had one Aids victim, who contracted it in California. With many islanders living in Australia and New Zealand the incidence was bound to rise.

Australia has one of the highest per capita incidences of Aids in the world, and it is grimly ironic that the conference is being held in Sydney, a city widely regarded as second only to San Francisco as a homosexual capital. Dr Mann said that by 1991 there could be 5,000 cases.

Hawke boost for the right

From Our Own Correspondent, Sydney

The new Australian Cabinet announced yesterday by Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, is the outcome of gruelling negotiations between Labor Party factions and leaves the right wing clearly in the ascendancy.

The list contained no surprises. The announcement was preceded last week by a large shake-up of government departments.

In a restructured framework which is closer to the Westminster system, the 17 senior Cabinet posts have gone to individuals who have established themselves in the last two Hawke administrations.

At the same time, Mr Hawke has used the 14 newly created junior ministries to trade with his left wing, and with state and special-interest lobbying groups. There are nine new faces in this group.

One man unhappy about the factional trade-offs was Mr Barry Cohen, who claims he lost his Cabinet place because it was demanded by the right wing.

The Prime Minister maintains that the public service shake-up will save $Aus96 million (£41.7 million) a year. But Mr John Howard, the Opposition leader, yesterday described the creation of three new ministerial posts as unwarranted expense.

Full Cabinet list: **Prime Minister** Bob Hawke, **Deputy PM and Attorney-General** Lionel Bowen, **Special Minister of State** Senator Susan Ryan, **Industry, Technology, Commerce** Senator John Button, **Transport, Communications** Senator Gareth Evans, **Treasurer** Paul Keating, **Immigration, Local Government, Ethnic Affairs** Nick Young, **Finance** Senator Peter Walsh, **Foreign Affairs and Trade** Bill Hayden, **Industrial Relations** Ralph Willis, **Employment, Education, Training** John Dawkins, **Defence** Kim Beazley, **Primary Industries and Energy** John Kerin, **Social Security** Brian Howe, **Administrative Services** Stewart West, **Arts, Sport, Environment, Tourism, Territories** John Brown, **Community Services and Health** Neal Blewett.

Junior ministers: **Justice** Senator Michael Tate, **Consumer Affairs** Peter Staples, **Science** Barry Jones, **Land Transports** Peter Duncan, **Local Government** Senator Margaret Reynolds, **Trade** Michael Duffy, **Employment** Clyde Holding, **Resources** Peter Morris, **Home Affairs** Senator Robert Ray, **Environment** Senator Graham Richardson, **Veterans** Ben Humphreys, **Aboriginal Affairs** Gerry Hand, **Defence** Ros Kelly.

Aftermath of civilian massacre in war-torn Mozambique

Pretoria denies aiding rebels

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs denied yesterday that South Africa was giving any assistance to the anti-government insurgents in Mozambique who are accused of massacring 380 civilians last Saturday.

The semi-official Mozambique news agency, AIM, claimed on Tuesday that the arms and ammunition used by the insurgents in the alleged massacre near Homoine, a town in the southern province of Inhambane, were dropped by parachute by the South African Air Force two months earlier.

In Lisbon, Mr Paulo Oliveira, a spokesman for the Mozambique National Resistance, as the rebel group calls itself, said yesterday that the killings were the work of a specially trained government unit and had been made to look like the result of an attack by insurgents.

In fresh claims yesterday, AIM said that "South African-backed MNR bandits" had shot pregnant women in the stomach and killed many patients and new-born babies in a local hospital. It added that they had also ransacked about a dozen buildings.

The agency quoted Mr Carvalho Neves, a former State Secretary for Labour, as saying after his return from the area that foreign technicians who helped bury the victims had been horrified by what they saw.

"They told me they had never seen anything as horrible as that." Mr Neves was quoted as saying. "They were particularly shocked by what they had seen at the hospital where, they said, the bandits killed everyone they found inside, stole all the medicine and kidnapped a nurse."

In its original report on Tuesday, the agency said that "the South African Defence Force used five parachutes made in the United States of America to deliver war material for the bandits in the southern province of Inhambane". It said members of its staff had seen one of the parachutes at army headquarters in Maputo.

The agency quoted an unidentified source on the general staff of the Mozambique armed forces as saying that parachute drops of guns, mortars and ammunition were made on May 8 near Lake Chitipe in Inhambane Province, and that local peasants had been forced to act as porters.

There had been a "massive infiltration of MNR armed bandits in southern Mozambique in the last two months", AIM said, adding that "a huge number" had come directly from South Africa.

Killings likely to boost aid flow for Frelimo

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Despite the Marxist line of its Frelimo Government, Mozambique's plight has consistently commanded sympathy from the British public and practical support from Whitehall.

The massacre at Homoine is likely to reinforce that sentiment on both levels. A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We deplore this act of violence which will do nothing to help the situation in the region."

Aid agencies anticipated that money flooding into a disaster fund might flow even faster.

Britain trains many of Mozambique's army officers, helps pay for rebuilding its war-torn railways, contributes to its balance of payments deficit, assists development projects, and provides large amounts of disaster relief.

There is evidence that aid from Britain and other countries is proving effective in both military and humanitarian terms. With help from troops supplied by Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Malawi, the Mozambican Army has begun to take the upper hand in its war with the Mozambican National Resistance (Renamo).

Renamo's disclaimer of responsibility for the massacre, and Pretoria's denials that it supports the guerrillas, will probably not cut much ice in Britain. The massacre is unlikely to affect the Government's remarkable affair with President Chissano and his Government.

The unexpected bond between a Conservative Government and a non-democratic, non-Commonwealth state began before his predecessor, President Machel, died in a plane crash last October. It was based partly on President Machel's growing pragmatism, partly on Britain's need to be seen supporting the frontline states, and partly on a belief that, for all its faults, the Maputo Government offered the best hope of reversing widespread suffering.

Nothing has happened to change that assessment, and the Government has steadily increased its aid. The number of British Army instructors training Mozambican officers has been stepped up from eight to 14, raising the number of those trained to 360 a year.

The training is carried out at Nyanga in northern Zimbabwe, and the Ministry of Defence said yesterday that there were no British forces in Mozambique itself. The Government has not been put off by the fact that Mozambique also accepts military training from Soviet bloc countries.

Mr Christopher Patten, the Minister for Overseas Development, was the last member of the Government to visit Maputo, in February. He announced an additional £5 million in aid to long-term capital projects. When President Chissano visited the Prime Minister in May she announced a further £15 million, to be spent on balance of payments support.

In June, Britain's commitment to emergency assistance was raised by £2 million to £13.88 million. These sums total £33.88 million and will all be spent by next April, except part of the £5 million long-term aid.

Britain has also contributed £35 million since 1981 to an international project to rebuild the three main railway lines linking Mozambique's ports with Zimbabwe and Malawi.

The aim is to make the frontline states less dependent on South Africa's railways and ports, which at present carry a high proportion of their exports.

Appeals by British charities have had an encouraging response. Oxfam is spending £5 million over a 12-month period, and believes the results of international aid are already visible.

Mr Tony Vaux, Oxfam's Emergencies Officer, returned last week from an assessment visit with encouraging news. He said that government forces had made significant progress in Zambezia province, previously the scene of heavy fighting, though the struggle continued in Niassa province.

Mr Mark Stockwood, a British Red Cross delegate who returned from Mozambique last week, reported that Inhambane province, where the massacre occurred, was already a focus of attention.

The major charities launched a joint appeal four weeks ago which has just topped £2 million. The address is: Mozambique Appeal, Disasters Emergency Committee, PO Box 999, London EC2 RLD.

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Russia helps Syria take a first small step into space

Moscow (Reuter) – Syria's first man in space and two Soviet cosmonauts speeded in a Soyuz spacecraft towards the Soviet Union's orbiting space station Mir yesterday at the start of a 10-day mission.

Lieutenant-Colonel Muhammad Faris, aged 36, an air force pilot from Aleppo, and cosmonauts Commander Alexander Viktorenko and Flight Engineer Alexander Alexandrov took off yesterday morning in their Soyuz TM 3 spacecraft from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Soviet Central Asia.

They are due to orbit the earth for two days before linking up with Mir, which has been manned since February 8 by two Soviet cosmonauts, Yuri Romanenko and Alexander Laveikin. It is planned to be the centre of the first permanently operated space complex. The three-man crew is expected to carry out scientific experiments along with Mir's crew before returning to earth on July 31.

Tass said the Soyuz TM 3, one of a new generation of Soviet spacecraft which replaced the older Soyuz T series, was launched at 5.59 am (0159 GMT). Soviet television did not broadcast pictures of the take-off. Some launches and space manoeuvres have been shown live during the past two years, indicating Moscow's growing confidence in its space programme.

Commander Viktorenko, aged 40, said before the flight that it was "an historic mission, called upon to play a positive role in boosting friendship and cooperation between the Soviet Union and Syria".

It is the Soviet Union's first joint space flight with Syria, Moscow's closest political ally in the Arab world and a leading recipient of Soviet arms.

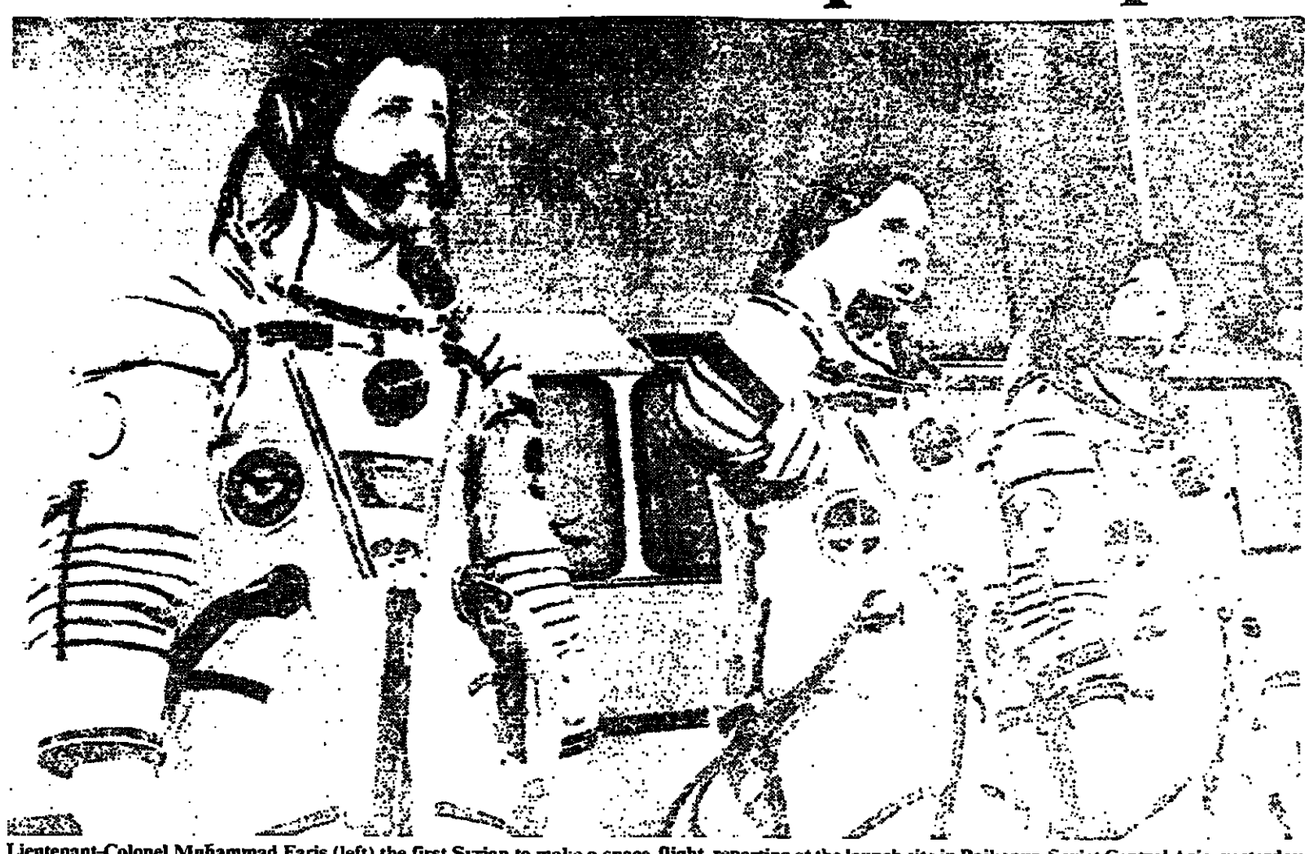
The Syrian Defence Minister, General Mustafa Tlass, who travelled to the Soviet Union to witness the launch, told Tass at Baikonur: "This flight without doubt has great economic importance for the development of Syria."

Colonel Faris, who spent almost two years in the Soviet Union training for the flight, is the second Arab spaceman. Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, who took part in a US shuttle mission in 1985, was the first.

Colonel Faris, who is married with two children, took with him on the craft a sample of Syrian wheat, earth from Damascus and an ancient tablet found at Ugarit in north-west Syria.

The mission continues a Soviet tradition of offering manned space flight experience to foreign countries, usually its political allies.

●**DAMASCUS:** Syrian newspapers hailed the launch as an historic event. *Al-Thawra* said it would "serve our national struggle, strengthen Syria's position and enhance its various potentials".



Lieutenant-Colonel Muhammad Faris (left) the first Syrian to make a space flight, reporting at the launch site in Baikonur, Soviet Central Asia, yesterday with his Russian colleagues, Commander Alexander Viktorenko and Flight Engineer Alexander Alexandrov, before being sent into orbit on Soyez TM3.

High-flying chickens

Moscow (Reuter) – Scientists have designed incubators for hatching chicks in spacecraft so that cosmonauts can eat roast chicken during space flights, Tass said.

Each incubator has two chambers. In the first, eggs are placed for 20 days in an artificial gravitational field and a mechanism imitates the movements of a mother hen, constantly changing the eggs' position.

The eggs are transferred to the second chamber, where they hatch in weightlessness. The chicks are then put in separate cells with rubber walls, which keep them in a fixed position.

The cell walls are made to contract by compressed air and thus massage the chicks' muscles to keep them from atrophying, Tass said.

The incubators and brooding chambers were successfully tested by students at Moscow's Aviation Institute, who found the adult hens "very tasty".

Aquino land reform under fire from union and owners

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines yesterday used her executive powers to introduce a sweeping land reform programme, designed to improve the standard of living of millions of peasant farmers.

The measures were immediately condemned by farm workers' representatives as "pro-landlord", and the landlords themselves have threatened to take up arms to protect their estates from requisition.

Every Philippines government has pledged a land reform programme, but failed to implement it for the 70 per cent of Filipinos living in rural areas. Land reform is considered essential if communist insurgency is to be dealt with, and if Mrs Aquino is to maintain her mass support.

The President signed the order just five days before she has to surrender many of her presidential powers to the newly-elected Congress, which opens on Monday. She has effectively prevented Congress from putting forward its own, less drastic, measures and shown her own commitment to land reform. Under a five-year programme, landowners are to be offered what is termed as fair market value for their property. Peasant farmers will be given low interest credit to buy it.

At a news conference yesterday, Mrs Aquino said that her sugar estate in Central Luzon – the biggest in the country – may be one of the first to be divided. She did, however, compromise on one important issue. The decision on how much landowners should be allowed to keep is being left to Congress. Earlier drafts of the executive order suggested that no one in the country should own more than seven hectares – about 15 acres.

"There is nothing to prevent Congress from excluding huge landed estates from land reform coverage," said a left-wing farm workers' organization, the KMP, which said it planned demonstrations against the policy.

One estate owner in Central Luzon said that reform would "only worsen the conflict between landowners and farmers", and in turn feed the communist insurgency. Much of the backing for the communist New People's Army comes from disgruntled rural peasants, the very people Mrs Aquino wants to benefit from her reforms. She has pledged to defeat the NPA during her term of office which ends in 1992. But there is continuing fighting between the 20,000 guerrillas and the security forces, and there are no signs of peace.

One of the main problems of implementing the reform programme is its cost. It is budgeted at nearly £2 billion, an enormous amount for a country already heavily in debt. The Government hopes to recover some of the money from former President Marcos, who is accused of taking millions from the national treasury.

Earlier this week the Government began filing civil actions against Mr Marcos, his family and more than 40 of his associates. The Government is claiming $10 billion (£6.2 billion) and wants millions more in expenses and damages. Mr Marcos says he wants to return to Manila from his refuge in Hawaii to fight his case. But the Government says it would be too dangerous to allow him back.

● **Aid doubled:** US military aid to the Philippines for 1987 has been doubled to $100 million to help fight the communist insurgency and other armed threats, the US Embassy in Manila said yesterday (AFP reports). A spokesman said the extra money would be used to improve the mobility of the armed forces as part of efforts to defend democracy against threats to peace and order.



President Aquino giving details of her land reform programme to a news conference in Manila yesterday.

Race for the White House

Battle begins for a woman who aims to be president

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Curled up in a chair with her feet tucked under her, Mrs Patricia Schroeder admitted that the summer was going to be "frantic".

If the Colorado Representative can raise $2 million (£1.25 million) by September, she will plunge into the gruelling race to become the first woman president of the United States. If she cannot, she will abandon the attempt without further ado.

Her exploratory campaign has already got off to a flying start. She received enthusiastic endorsement, and plenty of cash, from the National Organization of Women last weekend.

Her war chest already has $450,000 in contributions and pledges, and she is on the brink of eligibility for matching federal funds.

Mrs Schroeder, a Democrat who has served in the House of Representatives for 14 years, is entering a crowded field.

There are already seven other declared Democratic contenders, and probably more to come. Why was this a good time for a woman to enter the race?

"Why not?" she asked. "When is a convenient time?"

She was not running as a woman but because she believed fresh policies and new ideas were essential to rescue the country from what she saw as a looming political and economic crisis.

"I have a reputation for rising above the clutter and noise. The hardest thing in politics in America is to say something beyond the platitudes. I have absolutely no illusions that it is going to be fun," she said.

Inevitably, the novelty of a woman candidate will draw attention and comparisons. Mrs Schroeder was not daunted by the political destruction of Mrs Geraldine Ferraro; Walter Mondale, she insisted, was helped, not hindered by his running-mate. Nor did she feel the need to demonstrate Thatcherite toughness.

Toughness had to be backed by experience. "President Reagan has been roaring like Rambo, acting like Bambi." But what the country respected was brains.

There is no doubt of Mrs Schroeder's formidable intelligence, attested by her Harvard degrees and legal training.



Mrs Patricia Schroeder: Is America man enough?

Behind the sensible, comforting, unstuffy femininity lies an ability and experience that is impatient of the mediocre and steely in determination.

Mrs Schroeder is a long-standing member of the House armed services committee; one of the few politicians who has read all the minutes of Nato meetings.

She is a resolute critic of the Strategic Defence Initiative – a brave move in Colorado, where SDI research brings in valuable contracts – because she regards it as a colossal waste of resources that should be tackling more urgent tasks –health research, especially Aids, energy independence and the recycling of water and waste.

She is not going to campaign everywhere. Her husband, a lawyer, may take time off to help, but she does not expect him or their children to trail after her and smile 14 times a day.

At 46, quiet, soft-spoken but not without charisma, she concedes that President Reagan has made much of his role as head of state.

"There is no question that he has done well in his king role. I hope I do better in the prime minister role."

Is America ready to elect a woman to both roles ? She replies with a cliché that betrays just a touch of impatience with the perpetual question: "I hope America is man enough to back a woman."

100 feared killed in landslides and floods

Seoul (Reuter) – More than 100 people were feared killed in South Korea after two days of torrential rain caused floods and landslides which burst a river, levelled villages and derailed a train, state television said.

Up to 25 inches of rain fell in the region in a single day, a record for South Korea, and the report said the casualty toll was expected to rise because of serious flooding in many parts of the country.

Fraud claim

Singapore (Reuter) – Two Filipinos, an American and a Sudanese have been remanded here on charges of possessing false bank drafts for $5.7 billion (£3.6 billion).

Deaths inquiry

Sydney (Reuter) – An Australian inquiry commission of three Supreme Court judges is to investigate the growing number of cell deaths among Aboriginal prisoners.

Ten executed

Peking (Reuter) – Ten murderers and thieves were executed before a crowd of 18,000 at an indoor sports stadium here.

Border talks

Peking (Reuter) – China and the Soviet Union will start new border talks in Peking on August 7, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.

Exile indicted

Santiago (AFP) – The Chilean Socialist leader and former Vice President, Señor Clodomiro Almeyda, has been indicted for illegally entering the country from exile.

Mud victims

Annecy (AFP) – The bodies of two more victims of the July 14 mudslide disaster in the French Alpine town of Le Grand Bornand have been recovered.

Drug deaths

Lima (Reuter) – Peruvian police killed 20 gunmen who attacked a remote Amazon outpost where police were mounting a sweep against Maoist rebels and drug traffickers, an Interior Ministry source said.

Browned off

Budapest (Reuter) – Up to 10 tonnes of suntan lotion wash into Lake Balaton daily as the population around central Europe's largest lake quintuples to one million sunbathers on summer weekends, MTI, the Hungarian news agency, said.

Middle East peace initiative

Egypt looks for an early conference

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Egypt is working for an international peace conference on the Middle East "as if it is convened tomorrow", Dr Ahmed Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, said yesterday at the end of a three-day visit to Israel.

At a farewell press briefing with Mr Shimon Peres, his Israeli opposite number, Dr Meguid said he was leaving with "cautious optimism" that the conference could be called this year. But he added quickly: "I have also to be realistic."

The international conference Mr Peres and Dr Meguid want would involve all five permanent members of the UN Security Council as well as individual countries in the Middle East directly involved in the Palestinian problem, such as Jordan, Egypt, Syria and a representative of the Palestinians.

A main obstacle was the opposition of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, to the conference. Mr Shamir had explained during a "useful and serious meeting" with Dr Meguid that he would only support a "mini conference" including Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the United States. Dr Meguid told him bluntly that Egypt could not see the Soviet Union, as a world power, excluded, especially as that would make it even more difficult for Syria to become involved.

Mr Peres, who has been fighting Mr Shamir's argument inside the Israeli Cabinet, explained his frustration at the news conference. He said there was now an occasion to enlarge the peace process through the international conference to include Jordan and the Palestinians. Without mentioning Mr Shamir by name, he said: "Whoever does not see this opportunity is blind and whoever does not seize it is taking an unnecessary risk that the conflict will be extended dangerously."

Everyone wanted to see the Middle East developed economically and socially, he said, rather than developed by "the arms race, hostility and escalation of conflict. We are impatient to see this opportunity is not misused or overlooked."

Dr Meguid agreed. "Time is of the greatest importance," he said.

A second big obstacle centres on who should represent the Palestinians. Dr Meguid looked into this yesterday morning when he met a group of Palestinians with a wide range of political positions. Although it included noted moderates, it presented a joint statement urging Egypt to resume full relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Dr Meguid had already made it clear to his Israeli host that the Palestinians for the conference must be mandated, credible and accepted. He said that it was not Egypt's business or anyone else's to determine who these would be. It was up to the PLO, which, "whether you like it or not, represents the Palestinian people".

This is not a view which Mr Peres can support, unless there is a total change in the character of the PLO.

Madrid's Nato role examined

Madrid – Lord Carrington, Secretary-General of Nato, had talks in Madrid yesterday about the future contribution Spain will make to the alliance with Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister (Richard Wigg writes). He also met the defence and foreign ministers.

"Discussions on how Spain fits into the Nato organization without being in the military structure are going rather well," Lord Carrington told reporters afterwards.

The Secretary-General, who is on a two-day official visit here, refused to take any reporters' questions on details of his talks, which also included East-West relations and disarmament.

Two rounds of talks have been held on what form Spanish participation in the alliance could take since this country agreed to stay in Nato in the referendum of March last year.

They are aimed at finding a way of overcoming the problem posed by Madrid's refusal to integrate any of its armed forces into the command structure of the alliance. No results of the talks have been revealed so far.



Lord Carrington: Sorting out Spain's future in Nato.

Delhi disarray spreads to states

President refuses to prosecute Gandhi

From Gavin Bell
Delhi

President Singh of India yesterday rejected a petition to prosecute Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, in connection with corruption scandals, saying there was no *prima facie* case against him.

The President's decision ended speculation that he might fire a parting shot against Mr Gandhi's beleaguered Government before his five-year term of office expires next Saturday.

The petition had been submitted by Mr Rajinder Puri, leader of the opposition Ekta Party, over allegations of improper commissions in a contract for Swedish Bofors field guns, and in other defence deals.

In his ruling, the President said he had carefully assessed the material submitted to him "and has come to the conclusion that a *prima facie* case for according sanctions to prosecute the Prime Minister has not been established".

Mr Puri said in a statement that the decision had "dealt a severe blow to the credibility of the system". He added: "It is astonishing that the President's assessment has failed to perceive even a *prima facie* case against one who incontrovertibly was directly responsible for the Bofors deal in which bribes were given, of which he received information, and then misled Parliament."

Further heartening news for Mr Gandhi came yesterday from the working committee of his ruling Congress (I) party, which ratified the recent expulsion of four prominent dissidents. It said that the action against the Finance Minister, Mr V.P. Singh, Mr Arun Nehru, Mr Arif Mohammad Khan, and Mr V.C. Shukla was necessary "in the larger interest of the party".

Disarray in the Congress (I) party has spread from Delhi to the provinces, with the departure of three Cabinet ministers in Uttar Pradesh state after a row with Mr Vir Bahadur Singh, the Chief Minister.

The State Assembly adjourned in uproar on Tuesday as opposition members demanded to know whether the ministers had resigned or had been dismissed, but no clarification was forthcoming.

Dissidents linked the conflict with the recent series of expulsions and resignations in the capital, and claimed that a majority of Congress (I) members of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly supported them, which would be sufficient to topple the State Government. This was disputed by the party high command, which despatched a Minister of State from Delhi to assess the situation.

Informed opinion holds that supporters of Mr V.P. Singh are not planning an immediate showdown in the legislatures.

● **Statehood rejected:** Mr Gandhi has turned down a demand for statehood for 900,000 Gurkhas in the Darjeeling hill district of West Bengal (Reuter reports).

A Government spokesman said Mr Gandhi met the Indian Gurkha leader, Mr Subhash Ghising, and members of his Gurkha National Liberation Front for the first time and told them there was "no question of the division of West Bengal or of a separate state".

West German mayors woo twin towns in East

From John England
Bonn

The Mayor of Bremen and his counterpart from Rostock, on East Germany's Baltic coast, yesterday began talks on twinning their towns amid a wave of enthusiasm in West Germany for partnerships with communities across the communist border barriers.

After decades in which West German towns favoured twinning with the British (Bonn's partnership with Oxford is 40 years old this year) and French, it is suddenly "in" to have municipal links with the East Germans. The Ministry for Inner-German Relations in Bonn has been swamped by460 applications from West German local authorities for partnerships with East German towns.

The surge, however, began well before Bonn's announcement last week that Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, would make a much-delayed visit to West Germany in September. Its roots go back to September last year when the city of Saarlouis, in Saarland, formed the first East-West German civic partnership with Eisenhüttenstadt in East Germany.

Herr Honecker, who was born in Wiebelskirchen, a small Saarland town to which he will make a sentimental journey during his visit, said at the time that the arrangement should be seen as an exception. But Bonn persuaded him to allow more twinnings in the cause of personal German-German relations.

Now there are eight such partnerships, although all except one of them – between Trier and Weimar -- involve West German towns run by the Social Democrats. Three of those towns are also in Saarland, the Prime Minister of which is Herr Oskar Lafontaine, a Social Democrat left-winger, who won the lion's share for his state after visiting Herr Honecker and banging the drum for better understanding of the East German way of life.

Bremen is also a Social Democrat stronghold and the Mayor, Herr Klaus Wedemeier, said yesterday that he expected his talks with a five-man delegation from Rostock to end tomorrow with positive results. He said that Herr Honecker had told him during a recent visit to East Berlin that East Germany would do all it could to help develop friendly relations between the two cities.

Back in Bonn, the centre-right Government says that it welcomes the twinning wave because it can only improve contacts between ordinary Germans. But the official blessing is tempered with words of warning to well-meaning West German mayors about getting involved in East-West German politics that are above their heads.

Frau Dorothee Wilms, the Minister for Inner-German Relations, a Christian Democrat, recently told them to watch out for East German "wordspeak" on such issues as peace, disarmament, co-existence and the like when it came to signing partnership contracts.

Herr Horst Waffenschmidt, the parliamentary state secretary in the Interior Ministry, and chairman of the conservative parties' association for communal politics, has advised town halls to give priority to youth and culture exchanges with the East Germans. They should also press for their visitors to East Germany to be billeted privately.

Hardly hands across the eggs and bacon, but possibly *pumpernickel* in passing the *pumpernickel*.

The Senior Chief Inspector of Schools issued yet another controversial – and condemnatory – report this week

Taking the lid off schools

THE TIMES PROFILE

ERIC BOLTON

Eric Bolton received his first brickbat only months after being appointed Her Majesty's Senior Chief Inspector of Schools. Kenneth Masters, a headmaster from Kirkby, near Liverpool, wrote a furious letter to the education press which began: "I am stung to leap to the defence of my school", and ended: "so the bubble of my esteem for Her Majesty's Inspectors is burst irrevocably".

Masters complained that the inspectors' report of a recent visit to his school, St Kevin's Comprehensive, was "unsympathetic in tone and misleading in content". They had written, for example, of the "weeds and mud that constitute the school grounds". Masters replied: "On a site of some 10 acres there exists one area of 30 yards square that is as yet not tarmacked!"

More seriously in the head's view, the best the inspectors could find to say about St Kevin's was that it had "some commendable features" – without mentioning that these included five open scholarships to Oxford, and that all pupils were taught classical studies, with the option of Latin up to A level. "Would that one could take HMI to court to restore one's good name," Masters added.

Such criticisms have been repeated with growing frequency in the four years since Bolton's appointment. Even Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, who is constrained by the need to guard the inspectors' independence, has been heard to mutter that they seem so obsessed with leaking roofs and rotting window frames that their reports often read more like building inspectors' assessments than education documents.

However, it is from influential voices on the right that the real political attack has come. In January, for example, the Hillgate Group, which includes the Head Master of Eton and the Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford, published a manifesto entitled *Whose Schools?* It asserted that many of Britain's schools were in a state of crisis and that parents who relied on state education could no longer have confidence that their children would acquire "the learning and skills needed for membership of society".

The group laid much of the blame on the inspectorate, whom it accused of presiding over the development of a "false philosophy of education" allowing the "old educational values" to be replaced by relevance, reform and child-centred learning. It called for a full and independent survey of the inspectors, arguing that they were "as likely as any other section of the educational establishment to be subverted by bureaucratic self-interest and fashionable ideology".

Another attack came earlier this month in a powerfully argued pamphlet published by the Centre for Policy Studies, the think-tank founded 13 years ago by Margaret Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph. In *English our English*, John Marenbon accused the HMI of being among the staunch proponents of a new orthodoxy which, he claimed, was responsible for the fact that "when children leave English schools today, few are able to speak and write English correctly; even fewer have a familiarity with the literary heritage of the language".

Marenbon went on to complain that the inspectors' advice on what should be taught, and how, was accepted as authoritative even by politicians whose own ideological convictions were the very opposite of those on which the new orthodoxy was founded. Ministers, he concluded, were being defeated "by an enemy they do not recognize, in a battle they do not know they are fighting".

It was a stirring challenge which soon found a response on the Conservative back-benches. There is now a growing clamour for reform of a self-perpetuating elite that has survived nearly 150 years of educational change and intermittent controversy.

Bolton's response to the clamour is generally philosophical, but occasionally pained. He believes that the criticism of the inspectorate, though understandable at a time of upheaval, is misplaced. The real problem, he argues, is the lack of a national consensus about the aims and methods of education. The point is strongly made in a report the HMI published last September after a visit to West Germany.

They found that the system's achievements were impressive: standards were higher, more pupils stayed on in education or training until 18, and the Germans were more successful than us at "providing young people with attainable goals to work towards". The report went on: "Because there is understanding of, and broad agreement about, what education is seeking to achieve in respect of pupils' needs, parental aspirations, employers' general requirements and the nation's social and economic intentions, the standing of education, of its teachers and its institutions, is relatively high."

Bolton argues that our system, by contrast, has not set itself any agreed targets about what it wants to achieve. Instead, it has decided to let every blossom bloom. He says: "To be able to call the system to account, you have to be able to say that these broad standards ought to be achieved. But we haven't got any of the bench-marks that countries with national curricula have. It means that teachers are often criticized for not doing what they were never told they were supposed to do."

It is one reason why the HMI has been trying for more than 10 years to convince successive secretaries of state that Britain needs a national curriculum. With Baker they finally succeeded. Bolton says the inspectors are also in favour of setting attainment targets, although they worry about the difficulty of defining them and fear that they could depress standards rather than raise them. "The danger is that you set averages which become regarded as ceilings by the teachers, who then come to have expectations of bright and capable youngsters that are too low."



The HMI also has bitter experience of the controversy that setting targets provokes. Two years ago in a document entitled *English from 5 to 16* (apparently unnoticed by the Centre for Policy Studies) they set out suggested objectives for pupils at seven, 11 and 16. At seven, for example, they said children should be able to write legibly about personal experiences in prose and poetry, or simple stories of reasonable coherence, using full stops and capital letters appropriately. They said they should know the alphabet and be able to consult simple dictionaries, and have sufficient fluency and motivation to become engrossed in books. They should also be able to listen to simple instructions and carry them out accurately, speak sufficiently clearly and audibly to be understood and converse confidently in social situations.

But it was what the inspectors said 11-year-olds should know about language that really brought the roof down. They said they should know the rules of spelling, the difference between vowels and consonants, the functions and names of the main parts of speech, be able to identify subject and object and be aware of differences between tenses.

The protests, mainly from teachers, were so intense (70 per cent of the 900 detailed responses to the document were hostile) that in another report a year later the inspectors suggested the time had come for a national inquiry to determine what teachers as well as pupils needed to know about their own language. Baker duly appointed the Kingman committee, whose deliberations are continuing.

Bolton says: "The response to our document shows that we now have a highly educated generation in England, whether they be teachers or not, who actually know virtually nothing about how our language works. It has almost dropped out of our education process. It really can't be right to have a society that is incapable of being reflective about how language can move you to laughter or tears or move crowds of people to do things that as individuals they would never do."

So how could the inspectors have allowed such a situation to develop? Are they not guilty of encouraging a flight from the "old educational values", if only by failing to stop it? The answer seems to be that so long as there is no mechanism for imposing their views on schools and local education authorities, the inspectors can do little more than report what is happening.

Bolton treads a precarious tightrope. When Baker lost patience with Brent he sent in the HMI, clearly expecting forthright condemnation of the Labour-controlled borough's anti-racist antics. Instead, the report went out of its way to praise Brent's multicultural policies. If Baker was surprised, he should not have been. Mrs Thatcher was not.

Bolton had scarcely taken up his post when it became widely known in the education world that the Prime Minister had hesitated for weeks before approving his appointment. Against him, in her eyes, were his Labour Party sympathies and the fact that he had risen through the inspectorate's questionable ranks. But Sir Keith Joseph insisted: he valued Bolton's long commitment to combatting the poor achievement of the bottom 40 per cent of pupils.

Such concern is perhaps not surprising in a man born in Wigan in the 1930s. After grammar school there, Bolton went to a teacher training college and then taught English in secondary schools in Lancashire until he was 33. After a short spell teaching teachers he became an inspector, eventually specializing in educational disadvantage; his particular interest was in the under-achievement of black and working-class children.

At 52, Bolton could have another eight years in one of the most influential jobs in education. He will hope that the Government's proposed reforms will allow him and his colleagues to tackle the job that they know needs to be done.

John Clare

BIOGRAPHY

1935: Born in Wigan. Educated at Wigan Grammar School, Chester College of Education and Lancaster University.
1957-68: Taught English in Lancashire secondary and comprehensive schools.
1968-70: Lectured in English and education at Chorley Teacher Training College.
1970-73: Inspector of schools with the London borough of Croydon.
1973: Became a member of HM Inspectorate, working in the ILEA area and at the DES as a staff inspector.
1981-83: Chief Inspector of Schools, DES.
1983: Appointed Senior Chief Inspector of Schools at the DES, succeeding Sheila Browne.

Battle for the silver badge

The story behind Doggett's race, our oldest annual sporting event, rowed tomorrow

At 11 o'clock tomorrow the oldest annually contested sporting event in the British calendar will start as usual from London Bridge. Doggett's Coat and Badge race covers a four-and-a-half mile course, rowed against the tide in single sculls, with the finishing post at Cadogan Pier, Chelsea.

Half a dozen young Thames watermen and lightermen compete each year for Doggett's prize, a plate-sized silver badge pinned to a scarlet suit of livery.

What underpins this tradition? And who on earth was Doggett?

Thomas Doggett was the last of the great Restoration farceurs. Stubborn, restless and quarrelsome, he started his career with a travelling company before his first London stage appearance in 1691 as Nincompoop in D'Urfey's *Love for Money*. He became known as "the best face-player and gesticulator" of the stage, and was very popular.

He eventually became a theatre manager in partnership with actor-managers like Colley Cibber, who described Doggett in his memoirs as litigious, awkward to work with and much inclined to political argument.

It was Doggett's passionate support for the Whigs that made him decide to celebrate the Tory-hating George I's accession to the throne in 1714 by founding a river race to mark the happy day. He organized it every year until his death in 1721, and provided for its continuance in his will.



Prize: the coat and badge

It is now organized by the Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers, and many of the competitors are drawn from old Thames families. This year, for example, they include 21-year-old Christopher Spencer, whose brother won the race last year. Christopher has been coached by his father, Bernard, who came second in 1951, and his cousin Martin, who won in 1970.

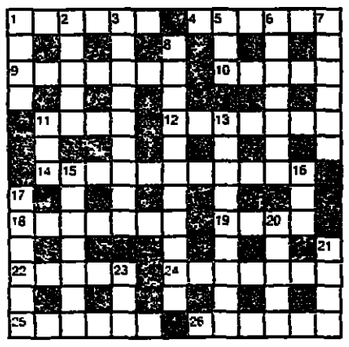
Should Christopher win, he must wait until November for his prize, which he will receive at the Fishmongers' Hall to the strains of *Hail the Conquering Hero!*

Then he will be presented with his long scarlet frock coat and breeches and white stockings, plus the silver badge engraved with the white horse of Hanover and the word "Liberty" – just as Doggett ordered.

Helen Simpson

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ACROSS
1 Act correctly (6)
4 Principal (6)
9 Musically quick (7)
10 Four penny coin (5)
11 Northern hill (4)
12 Blow up (7)
14 Sensible (4-2-5)
18 Ponder (7)
19 Longest river (4)
22 Unsteady flame (5)
24 Tyneside native (7)
25 Bear (6)
26 Bureau (6)

DOWN
1 Heehaw (4)
2 Share equally (5)
3 Unofficial guard (9)
5 Label (3)
6 Military policeman (7)
7 One or other (6)
8 Wordsworth's home 1799-1807 (4,7)
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Calypsos for the community

Gloucestershire is playing host this summer to Cy Grant's message of racial harmony





All our yesterdays: Cy Grant (left) in the *Tonight* years, and today, a happier man

Whatever happened to Cy Grant, whom those with long memories will remember as the calypso-singing star of the old *Tonight* programme?

Today the former actor-entertainer is director of Concord, a committee working to improve race relations by introducing the ethnic arts of the world to provincial cities, towns and villages of the British countryside. This year it is the turn of Gloucestershire, with five months of Concord – from April to August – woven through the county's summer of fetes and celebrations, including the Cheltenham International Festival of Music and this weekend's carnival at Gloucester.

Grant came from British Guiana (as it then was) after the Second World War to settle in Britain and qualify as a barrister. Instead of the law he opted for a career in acting, but television turned him in another direction. Then came a long gap during which circumstances changed his personality.

"I moved from this smiling, nice, friendly character to someone who, by 1974, was a very angry black man," he explained. "I was angry at the racism in this country, from everybody. I don't think that anybody had ever really admitted it.

"I became a kind of heavyweight in the black movement and set up Drum with John Mapondera." This showcase for Britain's black artists, writers and performers showed promise but there were tensions and Grant decided to leave.

"Then in 1976 I did a platform performance of a poem called 'Return To My Native Land' by Aimé Césaire at the National Theatre. It gave me a real insight into how the West has colonized the minds of black people. But this piece – it moved from hatred, to acceptance, to love."

In 1980 he was asked to direct an evening of "Many Cultures" at the Commonwealth Institute. "I hadn't realized that there was such a wealth of ethnic material in Britain," he went on. "So I set up the committee which about a year later became Concord."

The first Concord Festival took place in Nottingham in 1981, with Afro-Caribbean dancing, a gospel choir, an Indian sitarist and a steel band. "Since then I have done 20 festivals in 15 cities and towns across Britain."

Grant has expanded the scope of Concord to cover exhibitions, conferences and workshops, with a wide range of international artists and performers. But the aim is consistent: "To bring communities together in a genuine spirit of social integration by celebrating the cultures of all members within our new society."

Herb Greer

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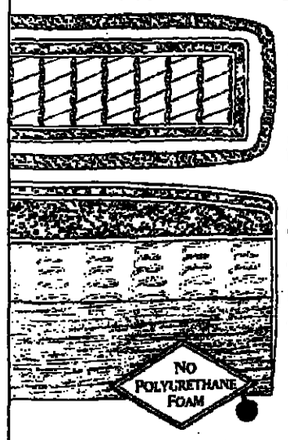
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Putting fear to flight

Many people are too scared to board a plane, others spend their time in the air in a cold sweat. Liz Gill talks to Maurice Yaffé, a psychologist who helps them conquer their fear of flying

The statistics on the safety of flying are immensely comforting, despite recent reports of a near-miss between a 747 and an RAF Hercules over Carlisle, and the Boeing 747 captain who apparently had to be reminded to lower his craft's undercarriage before landing at Heathrow. One expert has estimated that more people in the world are kicked to death by donkeys than die in plane crashes. The chances of being involved in an accident are a million to one — the equivalent of flying safely every day for 95 years.

Try telling that to the white-knuckled, sweat-bathed aerophobic, who sees every frown on a stewardess's face as a portent of disaster and every bump of turbulence as a guarantee of imminent destruction.

Psychologist Maurice Yaffé does try to tell them, but he does a lot more besides. During the past decade he has evolved a theory and practice for treating air travel anxiety, and as millions prepare for their summer holidays he has published *Taking the Fear Out of Flying*.

It is a widespread phobia. One American survey put it as the fourth most common fear (jointly with visits to the dentist), preceded only by snakes, heights and storms, and well ahead of illness and injury. One stewardess told Yaffé that she thought eight out of 10 of her passengers were anxious to some degree.

This degree is crucial: for some, it makes flying an agonizing business; for others it prevents them ever getting on an aircraft at all. It is now calculated that 10 per cent of the population fall into the latter category; 10 years ago, Boeing estimated that the phobia was costing it more than $1.5 billion in lost revenue.

Panicky passengers are in elevated company, sharing their terrors with such people as President Reagan, Muhammad Ali, Geoff Capes, Glenda Jackson, Tony Curtis and the late J. Paul Getty.

The fear itself is not uniform. Some dread the height, or the confinement, or the passivity; some hate take-off and landing, but are reasonably relaxed in between; others detest turbulence or flying over water. Essentially the concern is either about what might happen to oneself (panic, hysteria, heart attack, or mental collapse), or to the aircraft (turbulence or crashing).

Yaffé distinguishes between uniphobics and multiphobics. For the latter, fear of flying is part of their general fearfulness; they may, for instance, be claustrophobic. Uniphobics, who are just as common, are afraid only of air travel. Often they have been regular travellers until a particular trip set off an extreme response. Women tend to outnumber men by two to one and one of the types Yaffe sees most frequently is the woman in her early thirties who has small children.

"She may have flown several times before, but once she has children she starts to be very anxious. She worries about who will take care of them if she dies. It's her perceptions that are different, not the reality of flying."

The striving, driving kind of personality can be overwhelmed by fear, as can the perfectionist who sets impossibly high standards. It is not directly related either to powers of imagination or to intelligence: "You can have a degree in aeronautical engineering and still be convinced it's *your* plane that's going to crash."

Yaffé, senior clinical psychologist at Guy's Hospital, London, says that people often want to know why they are so afraid, in the belief that an answer will end their conflict. "It won't. And anyway, the factors that keep the fear alive are the ones that need to be scrutinized."

Whatever the cause, the symptoms can be devastating: among the physical manifestations are palpitations, raised blood pressure, shaking, chest pains, breathlessness, vomiting, diarrhoea and fainting; the mental anxieties include confusion, poor concentration, hyper-vigilance, preoccupation with death, feelings of unreality and terror.

Denzil McIsaac



Maurice Yaffé inside the flight simulator: helping people reason away their terror of flying

Yaffé tackles the problem by cognitive behaviour therapy. The principle is that thinking affects mood. "In other words, the subjective meaning and interpretation of an event, rather than objective facts, determine a person's emotional response. People learn the coping skills that they need to deal with them."

The techniques in his book are based on those that he uses in his two-day seminars at Guy's. He starts by explaining the principles of flight and its effects on the body, before moving on to relaxation and "right thinking".

The core of his approach lies in tackling a sufferer's "self-talk" — the automatic thoughts that are spontaneous, idiosyncratic, difficult to switch off, believed regardless of their irrationality, and rarely challenged.

Yaffé cites the example of a delay in the departure lounge which leads to the automatic thought: "There must be something wrong with the mechanics of the aircraft which means it will develop problems during the flight."

Restructuring distorted thinking means examining evidence for the belief and looking at positive alternatives. For example, negative thought: the cabin crew have disappeared, is there a crisis? Positive thought: they have to have their tea break. If there were a crisis they'd be in the aisle reassuring us.

As well as substituting good for bad thoughts, Yaffé also teaches thought stopping. Here the unwanted idea ("One more bump and we'll fall out of the sky") is concentrated on for a few seconds before the word "stop" is said under the breath to interrupt the flow. Some people find it helpful to snap a rubber band on their wrist to punish the negative thought. The current preoccupation with air traffic control will undoubtedly have exacerbated the terrors of those preoccupied with aircraft safety.

"People who are already sensitized seek out confirmation of their worst fears. It's a case of 'I told you so'," Yaffé says. He would tackle this particular element with the same "right-thinking" approach.

Members of Yaffé's group test out their new skills on a flight simulator in the hospital basement. It comprises two rows of airline seats on a platform which vibrates, and which can be cranked by hand to suggest turbulence. Treatment for anxiety problems is available on the NHS but these particular seminars, held four times a year, cost £200 — which includes a return trip to Paris. Yaffé also collaborates with British Airways on a condensed half-day version for £50 at Heathrow, which culminates in a Happy Hour round trip.

He has had nearly 500 clients in the last decade. Only one woman ever refused to board the flight; only one man wanted to get off when it was too late. "I had to restrain him. He was very grateful afterwards." He reckons his success rate at about 80 per cent, success being measured not so much in terms of enjoyment as in a willingness to fly again. He treasures a stack of postcards sent by former phobics from all corners of the world.

Yaffé, who also specializes in treating patients with sexual difficulties, says wryly that he believes many people buy Erica Jong's *Fear of Flying* at airport bookstalls in the belief that that is what it is really about.

He makes perhaps 20 flights a year himself and has experienced one aborted take-off and one aborted landing. He personally never gives the matter a second thought, but he acknowledges that there may be some animal instinct at the root of many fears.

"Only 2 per cent of the world's population has ever flown, so it is a rare experience and it's natural to react defensively to something you're unsure of. It's also comparatively new. Man has been on the earth for thousands of years but has only been able to fly in this century. It may be that we've not caught up in evolutionary terms. We may be a generation in transition."

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Taking the Fear Out of Flying *by Maurice Yaffé (David and Charles, £9.95)*

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Keep cool in hot weather

At 6 o'clock on Monday morning while the rain poured down, the weather expert who gives the farmers their weekly long-range forecast promised that by this weekend there would be a return of the sunny weather. If he is right the change will not prove a blessing for everybody; in particular the very young, and the elderly may suffer considerably in a heatwave. Babies under one year old have little ability to regulate their own temperature and can quickly suffer from the ill-effects of dehydration; mothers should be careful to keep them cool and lightly covered.

And Dr Kenneth Collins, senior lecturer in geriatrics at University College and Middlesex Hospital, warns in *Pulse* magazine that in a hot summer far too little is heard of the hazards of hyperthermia. Heat regulation, by flushing and sweating, starts to fail after the age of 65 so that hot weather can soon produce physiological changes which can be damaging to older people, particularly if they have any heart or renal disease.

Dr Collins advises the elderly to avoid direct sunlight, wear lightweight, loose clothes, drink plenty of fluids, avoid too much alcohol, and if necessary (even if on a low-salt diet) add salt to food.

Finally he suggests that those who keep an eye on an elderly friend or relative should always make certain that they are in daily contact during a heatwave.

Ban the blues

Doctors and laymen define depression differently. The public see it as the feeling of being fed up, possibly in response to minor changes in circumstances. Doctors see it as a disorder of mood which affects every aspect of a patient's fraught behaviour and in so doing has serious consequences for them, their families and their workmates. As the latter type of depression is due to biochemical changes in the brain it can usually be modified by the use of the correct drugs.

Dr Robert Romanis has written a book, *Depression* (Faber, £2.95), in which he describes the illness from the point of view of the patient as well as the doctor; although written in a witty, easily readable style, it gives the facts in which a depressed patient and his family are able to diagnose the trouble and the impetus needed for them to find a sympathetic doctor who will provide the treatment.

Dr Romanis warns of the danger of relying on the misunderstood and often misguided theories of Freud, *a particular hazard for the* intellectual depressive, or on the self-help approach, which closely resembles the snap-out-of-it school of thought, which may prevent the more philistine from getting the treatment they deserve.

Although primarily intended for the patient the book will provide an invaluable guide for everybody who has to deal with the depressed — doctors, personnel manager, parsons or nurses.

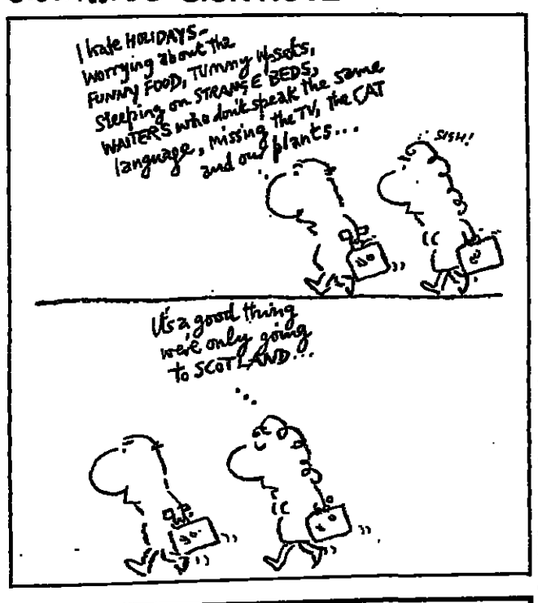
Hearts and help

At a recent dinner at the Royal College of Physicians, Sir John Hoffenburg, the president, said that there was only one doctor present to whom he would entrust his own resuscitation were he to collapse with ventricular fibrillation, often induced by a heart attack. The announcement by a medical electronics firm, Physio Control, that they are producing a computerized defibrillator which does the doctor's thinking for him, should take some of the anxiety out of Sir John's after-dinner speeches.

The machine, which is currently being tested in three main railway stations, analyses the victim's heart rhythm and then flashes a simple message onto the machine's screen; either Shock Advised, or No Shock Advised. The same electrodes which recorded the heart's rhythm can then be used to deliver a life-saving shock.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Calman's SICK NOTE



Age need not wither

To many, old age means frightening dependence. But need it necessarily be so?

Few people relish the prospect of getting old, with the thought that one will grow ever frailer in mind and body, and that eventually all powers will go into irreversible decline.

The prospect is particularly worrying for those of us now in our thirties and forties, the so-called baby-boomers who so far have had everything going for us. Is there anything we can do to ensure a glorious, golden, non-decrepit age?

It used to be assumed that the ageing process was largely inevitable, and that there was little you could do to halt it. We all knew, of course, splendid old people in full command of their faculties at 80 or 90 and conversely, individuals who were senile at 60. But it was all considered a matter of luck, or hereditary.

Over the past few years, however — just in time for those of us now standing on the threshold — there has been a great deal of biochemical research into the ageing process. We now know it is not, or need not be, an unstoppable march downwards. Scientists now understand that preservation of health and vigour are largely in the hands of the individual.

"We do not get old because our systems degenerate so much as because of the way we live," said *Dr Jan de Winter*, a sprightly 73-year-old who, after retiring as a senior consultant at the Royal Sussex Hospital, set up Britain's first High Street walk-in cancer prevention advice clinic, which has now achieved world-wide fame. He is also the author of *How to Die Young at Ninety*.

Dr de Winter's work led him to study the process of cell degeneration and renewal, and ask whether we could all tap the secret of eternal youth.

He has come to the conclusion that we can and has produced a six-point plan which he believes will ensure lasting health and vigour. First, he says, the correct foods are essential. These must be high in nutrition and low in calories. After the age of 14, we do not need much protein, as the growth process is largely over. Vitamins and minerals are vital, as they are needed for cell maintenance. All pulses, fresh fruit and vegetables are good. And fibre of course. "A car with a blocked exhaust will not give a good performance, and the same applies to humans," Dr de Winter said. "More than three-quarters of 'old' old people suffer from chronic constipation. Fibre acts as a vacuum cleaner for the intestine."

The second point is to avoid foods which are high in calories and low in nutrition, such as cakes, sweets, biscuits, cream and processed products. Obesity is now considered to be a factor in many degenerative diseases.



Sprightly: Jan de Winter

Thirdly, nobody who wants to stay young should smoke. This causes internal and external wrinkles and introduces cadmium, a toxic heavy metal, into the system as well as the free radicals, toxic by-products of oxygen, which many scientists now believe accelerate ageing. They can cause mutations in DNA and are implicated in inflammatory conditions, degenerative arthritis, cancer and alterations in the immune system, but can be neutralized by eating green vegetables, with which they combine readily and safely.

The fourth rule is to avoid nutritional stressors such as tea and coffee. "These do you no good at all," said Dr de Winter. "We've been programmed to believe that a cup of tea is relaxing, but all caffein drinks stimulate the system and add stress. When the body is telling you to rest, take notice, rather than kicking it back into action with a strong drink."

The fifth anti-ageing piece of advice is to avoid all long-term symptom-suppressing drugs such as tranquillizers, sleeping pills and pain-killers — batteries of which most old people now have by their bedside. "All chemical pills such as these hasten the ageing process," Dr de Winter said.

And finally, avoid all hard drugs of addiction. This includes alcohol. While an occasional drink does no harm, alcohol is basically a poison, and drives out essential minerals and vitamins from the system, leaving it depleted and prey to infection.

Dr de Winter believes the question of heredity is a "beautiful excuse". "Cancer, for instance, does run in families, but so does the way we live. I think it is more likely that bad habits and bad examples are passed on, rather than actual genes which make us age quickly."

This advice may recall the old complaint that healthy eating, no smoking and no drinking won't make us live longer, it will just seem like it. However, Dr de Winter says: "It's all a question of motivation. Those who seriously want to stay young will heed the advice."

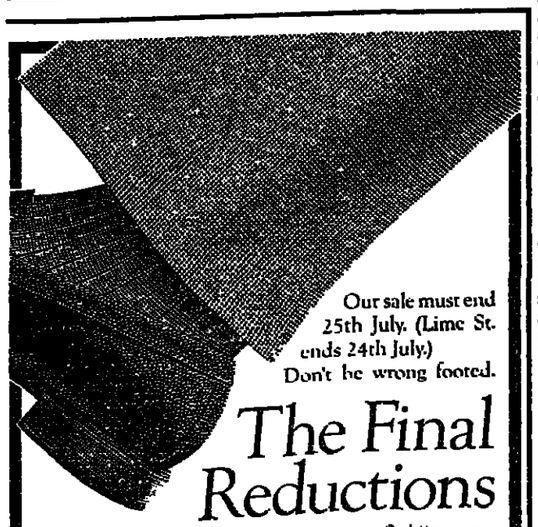
The biggest factor by far in youth preservation is attitude. "The ageing process is set in motion by the breakdown of the immune system, which is intimately affected by stress levels," he said. "It is one's view of oneself which is the main determining factor in health and illness. I have observed so many times that those who are self-pitying, defeatist and melancholy are far less likely to recover than cheerful, outgoing individuals. Those who don't, won't. Strange as it may seem, there are people who actually prefer to be old and decrepit.

"You are young so long as you wake up in the morning and your body is silent, not complaining in any way. It is always a good sign if you don't know where your vital organs are. It means they are not playing up."

Liz Hodgkinson

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THE TIMES DIARY

After Tebbit

As Norman Tebbit sets up his new private office at Smith Square, with first appointee Duncan Goudie-Scott as his personal assistant, party officials are speculating as to his successor as chairman. Those who are convinced that Tebbit will use the party conference in October to gain a rapturous ovation for his election work and then announce his resignation, believe that Lord Young might step into his shoes. Although Tebbit has been charged with management reorganization, the need for Thatcherite efficiency does not really fall on Central Office until two years before an election. Young, a problem-solver who enjoys the Prime Minister's confidence, is a prime candidate to run the party machine. The only problem is whether as chairman he would retain the top job at the trade department – regarded by many as a political graveyard after the tenure of Parkinson, Britton and Channon – but it is no secret that Kenneth Clarke, No 2 at the DTI, is anxious to step up.

Brotherly brawl

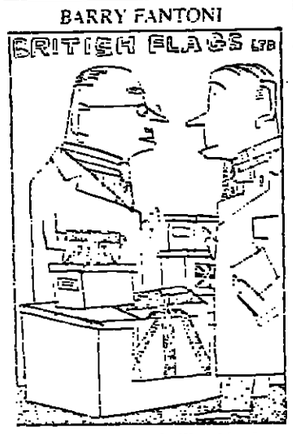
Far from taking redundancy threats lying down, staff at Labour's HQ have begun a fight against them. To coincide with yesterday's NEC discussions on cuts, trade unionists at Walworth Road brought out a scabrous parody of the official *Labour Party News* which points to some paradoxes. National Graphical Association typesetters should be furious, it says, that Gordon Colling, chairman of the staff negotiations committee, is presiding over the proposed closure of *Labour Weekly*, *New Socialist* and *Socialist Youth*. Colling is an national officer of the NGA. Eddie Haigh, who holds the same post in the Transport and General Workers' Union, is in equal difficulties. He chairs Labour's finance committee, co-architect of the current shake-up.

Oops. The Duke of Norfolk, guest of honour at a British Jews' Board of Deputies luncheon yesterday and a leading Roman Catholic, concluded his speech by urging fellow guests to support his wife's charity, Help the Hospices, by buying its Christmas cards.

Last split

More trouble in the dwindling ranks of British Communists, whose splits have left the impoverished *Morning Star* in the hands of unreconstructed Stalinists while the party veers towards Eurocommunism. One of the paper's most senior journalists, labour correspondent Mick Costello, who stayed with the publication through its split from the official party and weathered its financial crises, is leaving the sinking ship. It looks as if Costello has finally tired of the paper's hard-line stance. In any case, at 51 and after 20 years, Costello may have decided that his £7,400 salary is not compensation enough for all the ideological heart-searching.

BARRY FANTONI



"We've not had trade like this since the Pop Art boom of the Sixties."

Mugging up

Scholarly stickler Enoch Powell may have regretted drawing attention to inaccuracies in Malcolm Muggeridge's books when he chaired a literary luncheon yesterday in the author's honour. Minutes later he had to correct himself after introducing a fellow diner as the Bishop of London. It was the Bishop of Durham.

Nothing sacred

While the National Secular Society is up in arms about "irremovable Christian symbols" at crematoria, the Roman Catholic chaplain at Gatwick airport offers a fine degree of religious tolerance. The secular society's particular grouse is against Hither Green crematorium, south London, where atheists are charged £136 for the removal of a cross. At the airport, however, Father Michael Hill's liberalism extended recently to lending Muslim pilgrims, praying in the multi-denominational chapel, the jug he uses for Lourdes water for their purifications, having first re-directed them towards Mecca. "They were facing the wrong way and as we used to have a prayer mat with a compass attached I was able to point them in the right direction," he told me. And why couldn't the Muslims avail themselves of the said mat? It had been swiped.

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Perestroika versus Oblomov

by George Urban

Reforming the system from above in order to catch up with its rivals in the West has a long tradition in Russia. Arnold Toynbee saw it as the cause and defining characteristic of Russia's behaviour in the modern world.

Time and again Russia would make a mighty effort to draw level, but no sooner would technological modernization be within its grasp than the West would make yet another leap forward. Peter the Great was the first ruler to put Russia through a forced march to catch up with Western technology. Stalin the last. The US Strategic Defence Initiative is only the most recent in a long chain of technological challenges.

Gorbachov's attempt to reform the Soviet system fits in with this picture. So does Stalin's own *perestroika* of the 1930s: but whereas Stalin tried to eliminate Russian backwardness by show-trials and the knout, Gorbachov is trying to do so by persuasion and Western-style incentives.

It remains to be seen whether the kid-glove approach can be made to work in the specific conditions of Soviet Russia, or whether Gorbachov may end up using Stalinist methods to foist a measure of freedom and initiative on Soviet society. For, unlike the Tsars and Stalin before him, Gorbachov has to fight on two fronts, not one.

He has to overcome both the spirit of the gulags *and* the spirit of Oblomovism; he has to eliminate the climate of apathy, sluggishness and corruption. In other words, he has to declare war on Soviet man, in whom these characteristics are spectacularly united.

It is just possible that Gorbachov will be reasonably successful in removing some, perhaps even much, of the ethos of Stalinism and the tradition of the gulags. No society, even the Russian, actually enjoys being ruled by the rod if there are other means available.

It is much harder to see how Gorbachov can defeat that torpor of the spirit, that lack of individual initiative and, above all, that streak of irresponsibility in public affairs that has set Russian civilization apart and held it back for centuries.

There is a good deal of scepticism and opposition to Gorbachov's new thinking among the Soviet people. More important, there is also opposition in the bureaucracy and especially the imperial civil service.

There is another and more tangible reason why *perestroika*, or restructuring, may not succeed, or succeed only partly and slowly. In post-war Britain socialism of a highly non-Soviet kind gained a modest foothold in institutions. It has, nevertheless, taken Mrs Thatcher's government eight years to begin to roll it back and encourage the revival of self-reliance, private initiative and responsibility. In the Soviet Union, no one, since 1928, has managed a private enterprise, handled convertible currency (except on the black market) or observed a capital market in action.

Three generations have been taught to despise the profit motive. Three generations have seen no management system other than the command economy, and no conception of economic good other than that accruing to the benefit of the state. I would be surprised if Gorbachov succeeded in rekindling the entrepreneurial ethos of capitalism.

Gorbachov's revolution cannot succeed, it seems to me, without Western co-operation, both passive and active. He wants us to take the military and technological pressure off his system and help him, in the longer term, to reshape his economy. We should not squarely reject his approaches.

We should rather tell him: "We agree with you that the world has shrunk and become interdependent. Our word for interdependence is linkage. We are going to help you if you can see your way clear to taking care of certain problems that concern us because they are a threat to world peace."

We should then list at least three conditions: the rapid withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan; a new deal for Eastern Europe which would begin with the removal of troops and bases from Czechoslovakia and Hungary; and the cessation of Soviet interference in Central America. We could think of others, but these would do for a start.

Seeing that it is the Soviet Union that is in trouble and the West in a position to assist or not to assist, this may not be a bad time for putting linkage to the test. That the current American-Soviet arms control negotiations do not contain a strong element of linkage outside the arms control area is a great weakness in our position.

At the same time, we should return Gorbachov's friendly overtures with friendly noises of our own in terms of cultural and scientific co-operation, tourism, environmental co-ordination and the like. Neither the US nor any West European country can remain psychologically or politically indifferent to the spectacle of the world's most tyrannical system trying to find its way to a measure of freedom and democracy.

I for one, cannot deny Mr Gorbachov a certain grudging admiration. He is a great player in a great game. Would we had people of his calibre at the head of certain Western chancelleries. He has taken on a difficult political culture, and a 19th-century system that needs to be dragged directly into the 21st. Will he fail? I think he probably will, but I marvel at the audacity of his challenge to Russian traditions and to the party that bred him.

The author was formerly director of Radio Free Europe. This is an edited version of a speech to the Centre for Policy Studies.

In our series on the Iran-Contra hearings, Gerald Kaufman, shadow defence secretary, finds Colonel North's righteousness celluloid-thin

An un-American hero



"A new American hero" was how Senator Daniel Inouye, chairman of the US Congressional joint investigating committee, dubbed Oliver North after his six-day testimony in Washington. If there was a certain wryness in Senator Inouye's appellation, that, in view of the content of North's testimony, is scarcely surprising.

After all, here was a man who admitted to the wrongful diversion of substantial amounts of money to provide his home with a private security system. Here was a man who admitted to the deliberate shredding of state documents to conceal them from proper scrutiny.

Here was a man from whose glib tongue a phrase like "plausible deniability" tripped easily, a man whose way with the truth would not go down well before most judges in most courts of law.

Asked on the first day of his testimony whether "others above you . . . were committing the President of the United States to a false story", North replied: "Yes, that's true." Asked, "Did you ever say to any of those people, 'You can't do that without asking the President'?", he confessed: "No, I did not." That admission is scarcely surprising since, by his own repeated confession, North himself is a hardened liar.

He was frank to the point of vainglory about his own role in the covert operation which involved the sale of arms to Iran and the use of the proceeds, equally covertly, and with equally suspect legality, for arming the Contra terrorists seeking to subvert the lawful government of Nicaragua.

This latter part of the operation North lauded eagerly as "a neat idea". His espousal of this neat idea – apparently the brainchild of an Iranian go-between who may also have been an Israeli agent – displayed a curious approach to economics and finance.

North could not keep from chuckling at the "neatness" of helping the Contras with what he described repeatedly as "the Ayatollah's money".

Well, of course, the Ayatollah did pay for the arms. The arms, however, did not come out of nowhere. They were either made and paid for by Americans, or else paid for by Americans and manufactured by Israelis, who were certainly not involved in this affair for the same motives of boyish altruism that North liked to depict as his own guiding force. The money that went to the Contras, was, in fact, stolen from the American people.

Of course, the colonel's motives were a good deal more complicated, and a good deal more bizarre, than emerges from the impression he sought to convey. The most embarrassing – and disturbing – aspect of his evidence was the naive and dangerous political thinking it displayed. Here was a man whose analysis of the state of affairs in Central America led him to forecast "the construction of a Berlin-type wall along the Rio Grande", and who was only narrowly prevented from treating the committee and the nation to a slide display he has been carting around America and which depicts Central America and other serious international problems in a most naive, not to say crackpot, way. Reading his testimony is like witnessing a re-run of the film *Dr Strangelove*.

All this was accompanied by a massive display of sanctimonious self-righteousness, artfully summoned up for the most dangerous of all causes – the accomplishment by a small and irresponsible group of a secret and idiosyncratic foreign policy because of dissatisfaction with the role of Congress in formulating its country's constitutional foreign policy. So North was ready to defend the setting-up of a new secret agency, an "off-the-shelf, self-sustaining, stand-clear entity", with no legal basis whatever, to take part in hazardous covert operations with the aid of a ship purchased out of funds obtained heaven knows where, but undoubtedly with no discernible lawful authority.

This kind of thing had to be done. North asserted repeatedly, because Congress would not do its job as he saw fit. "Plain and simple, the Congress is to blame because of the fickle, vacillating, unpredictable, on-again off-again policy towards the Nicaraguan democratic resistance, the so-called Contras," he declared. "I didn't want to show Congress a single word on this whole thing."

So, arrogating to himself responsibilities belonging to the elected government of his country North became a member of a secret, self-appointed, unaccountable "parallel government", not only deliberately cutting out the machinery for informing the eight most senior congressional leaders who must be notified of covert action, but, if some of North's and Poindexter's evidence is to be credited, behind the back of the president himself.

If Reagan did know, then, of course, he shares the guilt. If he did not, then, as Representative Ed Jenkins of Georgia despairingly summed up: "Not a single official elected by the people of the United States of America had any knowledge about the use of the fund."

This was a plot against democracy, and the "new hero" was involved in it because this junior officer thought he knew better than the elected representatives of the people whom the US constitution entrusts with the government of his country. Yet, as he spoke day after day, he seemed pretty pleased with himself. In words which either embarrass or nauseate, according to taste, he sought to present a glowing picture of himself.

Some of his words were reminiscent of the trial of another national hero, half a century ago, brought to the screen in *The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell*. "I am going to walk from here with my head high and my shoulders straight," said North. "I saluted smartly and charged up the hill. That's what lieutenant-colonels are supposed to do." Others of his statements – accompanied by a good deal of slop about his daughter – were more redolent of *High Noon*: "I'll be glad to meet Abu Nidal on equal terms anywhere in the world."

Perhaps not coincidentally, the leading roles in both films were played by the star who symbolized American heroism at its cleanest-cut: Gary Cooper. And it may be that North views himself as a clone of that great prototype. I see him as more appropriately modelled on another Hollywood performer, who never quite attained star status and was mostly cast in vaguely dissatisfying supporting roles: Ronald Reagan.

Concluded

Two big steps for the Channel tunnel

The Channel tunnel project stands on the verge of two of the most important events in its 150 years of transition from dream into reality. The Channel Tunnel Bill, which has completed its passage through Parliament, is expected to receive Royal Assent this week, and next Wednesday the British-French treaty is due to be ratified.

With this the project will cast off much of the uncertainty that has shrouded it. There will still be obstacles, chiefly the raising of a further £750 million of equity towards the end of the year, but things have been going more smoothly recently than seemed possible at the end of last year.

At that time the opponents of the tunnel were making all the running in terms of the public argument. Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French company promoting the project, had had to be set up from scratch in January 1986. Though things went smoothly in France, the British side seemed close to defeat, unable to persuade British institutions to take up their share of a £206 million equity offer.

Earlier this year the outlook improved. Alastair Morton, appointed co-chairman in February, brought toughness in negotiations, flair in public argument and the ability to raise the morale of the organization. He may also have been lucky to have arrived when the tide was about to turn.

The select committees of the Commons and the Lords, which examined the bill in detail, and which had been prime targets for the opponents of the project, produced reports generally sympathetic to the tunnel. This paved the way for a relatively smooth passage through Parliament. The general election returned a government committed wholly to the project. The European Investment Bank, as expected, agreed to a £1,067 million loan.

After some tough bargaining this spring with the French and British railways, a revised agreement was reached on terms for their use of the tunnel. British Rail has raised by about 15 per cent its estimate of the level of traffic, and having already committed itself to investing £400 million in facilities, it is considering a second phase of investment which may cost another £200 million or more.

The government has agreed that customs and immigration procedures may be carried out on trains, provided their journeys begin or end north or west of London. BR had insisted on this concession, arguing that it was important in the exploitation of services to and from such cities as Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester or Birmingham, where the appeal would be reduced by a lengthy stop for customs clearance.

All these developments have proceeded roughly in accordance with a tight timetable, but it will be the end of the year before the preliminaries are complete. In about a month Eurotunnel and its financial advisers and bankers will be seeking to syndicate the £5,000 million loan facility among up to 250 banks. BR and the French railways have yet to complete an agreement on the division of revenue from the tunnel trains.

The most critical feature will be the public share offering of £750 million in November or December. Probably about £250-£300 million of this will be raised in France and Britain with the balance coming from Japan and elsewhere. Critics still doubt whether the return to potential investors will be appealing, given that it will be six years before the tunnel is open.

However, the project appears in better shape to secure public confidence than seemed likely six months ago, and by the end of the year Eurotunnel's contractors may begin to get down in earnest to the little task of boring out 7.5 million cubic metres of rock from under the Channel and its coasts.

Rodney Cowton

Ronald Butt

Justice frowns on a poll tax

The community charge, or poll tax, is the part of the government's local authority legislation on which political attention is most closely focused, but in terms of encouraging greater local government accountability it is not necessarily the most important.

For instance, local authorities will be obliged to operate a separate fund for housing expenditure and revenue. Their housing expenditure will have to be covered by their income from rents and from council house sales, with some central government subsidy. They will no longer be able to subsidize the rents of municipal housing from the rates in order to keep the rents artificially low. Council tenants will be able to contract out of local authority into trustee landordship.

Then there is the abolition of the existing rate-support system under which, on the basis of abstruse formulae incomprehensible to local taxpayers, the central government puts its grants for different areas up and down, and the ratepayers of some areas virtually subsidize those from others. This system will sensibly be replaced by a needs grant.

With the government also setting and distributing the business rate in future, the local authorities will be left with the stark responsibility for justifying the local taxation they impose (at present through rates) to cover the rest of what they spend. The ratepayers (or poll-tax payers) will thus have the necessary information to be able to hold the local authority clearly to account in the polling booth, and the poll tax, by falling on every adult, will in theory give them the incentive to do so.

Of all these changes it is the poll tax which will cause most trouble. Ministers seem genuinely unclear why. Rates, after all, are an unfair tax. Only about half the total electorate are even theoretically liable to pay them as property owners; and of the liable half, a third have all or part paid through social security. In some of the highest-spending local authorities, the great majority of local people pay no rates and have no incentive to call these councils to account at election time.

Some Conservatives would prefer rates to be replaced by a local income tax if that were feasible, which according to several inquiries it is not. But a local income tax is quite unacceptable in principle to the central Thatcherite ministerial cadre of the government. Quite apart from their conviction that leftist local authorities would use this to soak the better off, they believe (like Labour itself) that it would be intolerable to have 414 local authorities competing with the direct taxation of the Exchequer.

Hence the poll tax, a flat rate charge on all adults with an income above the social security benefit level. Those on maximum social security will be liable to pay a minimum 20 per cent of the local charge. But they will be able, more or less, to recoup this from social security, receiving 20 per cent of the average *national* community charge. The 80 per cent rebate will then be tapered off by the sort of means test now applied to supplementary benefit, until the full poll tax is payable.

What is not yet decided is where the tapering off ends. The rebate will extend some way beyond supplementary benefit to those who now receive only housing benefit because they have a low earned income. But the further it goes the more the bureaucracy, and it is hardly practical, without massive bureaucratization, to extend it far up the earning scale.

The essential case against the flat-rate poll tax is that it is seen as unfair because it bears no relationship to means, and thus breaches a generally accepted principle of direct taxation. It raises the question of why an earner on £8,000 should pay the same as an earner on £80,000. Even rates are some reflection of the ratepayer's means, in that they relate to the size of home he can afford.

Ministers' reaction to this is that as everyone gets the same services everyone should pay the same charge, as for other commodities. Local financial responsibility, they say, depends on giving local voters the incentive to call their authorities to account. Some see the protests as simply the envy of the poor and the guilt of the rich.

I don't think so; it is a simple matter of equity. It is true that there is a limit to tax graduation. The urge to work harder is diminished if 70 per cent of extra income goes to the Exchequer, which is why the top rate has been reduced. But a tax on individuals as distinct from an indirect tax is seen in justice as requiring some relationship to means.

Ministers reply that what they intend is not so much a tax but a charge for local services. But what in logic is the difference between a tax and a charge? In what sense is the local tax element to pay for education a charge and not a tax; and in what sense is that part of education finance which comes from the Exchequer a tax and not a community charge? Is that part of the health service cost which is paid from direct taxation through the Exchequer a charge or a tax?

The same questions apply to a comparison of local funding for the police and the central funding of defence. To the extent that all these taxes/charges are not covered by indirect taxation, on what basis should some elements be paid for by a graduated and others by an ungraduated tax. And can taxation for services which some do not use (education, say) really be described as a charge?

If education, fire and the police were wholly removed from local to central funding (leaving their management local), local authority spending could be sufficiently reduced to make the flat-rate poll tax much less of a problem. But Mrs Thatcher has set her face against this for education. The government does not wish to jeopardize its 25p standard rate target and anyway it is faced by resistance from local Tory officials who believe that their power over finance is the stuff of local independence. If all graduation according to income or property value is ruled out, and the government presses on with its flat rate regardless, it can win the fight but is likely to lose a lot of goodwill in the process.

***however* . . . Paul Jennings**

Life sentences commutered

Evening rush hour. Great Portland Street. Like its parallel, Tottenham Court Road and many another in central London, all the longer to walk if you have ever driven down it. Number wanted is at other end, after great blocks with no numbers at all. Compelled to wonder where everybody lives, where they are all going, why so many people going the other way from me, *up* Gt P St?

Surely if they going home, like everyone except actual owners of rag-trade businesses working all hours, forever loading racks of dresses into posh estate cars double-parked, they should be walking, like me, inwards towards Oxford Street Tube? If they live somewhere served by District or Met, do they really slog up whole foot-burning length of Gt P St every night to station at other end on line they could get to much more comfortably at Baker St via Bakerloo from Oxford St? What are all their names . . ?

Am reminded of two things: (a) marvellous Thurber cartoon with single-word caption *Destinations*, showing city crowd, elbows bent, leaning forwards, striding furiously in both directions past railings of cemetery with tombstones saying *Cora*, JONES, etc; all in attitudes recalling (b) T.S. Eliot's lines in *The Waste Land*

Sighs, short and infrequent,
were exhaled
And each man fixed his eyes
before his feet

Suddenly realize that *three* burglar alarms are ringing, nobody even looks up. They probably ring every night, eyes-on-ground hurriers wouldn't notice if men with masks, striped jerseys, came backwards down ladders with sacks labelled SWAG on shoulders, or nervous youth, mouth twitching, drummed fingers on wheel of getaway car as man came out of broken-windowed Barclays with great boxes of money, covered by stocking-masked villain with sawn-off shotgun.

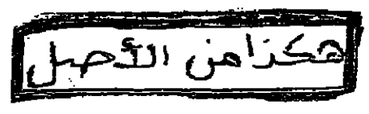
Then realize another alarm isn't bell, but kind of very loud *tock tock tock*. Well, it no good burglar alarm people sitting on laurels, thinking they have pierced the bell-indifference barrier with *that*; people still don't even look up. Surely this is elementary stuff. Dash it, electric bell was first thing learnt in School Certificate (*ehcu fugaces!*) physics, can remember principle even now; current turns coil into magnet, it attracts spring affair connected to bell-bonger, thereby breaking circuit so that coil stops being magnet, spring affair jumps back again, re-making circuit, on it goes only much faster. Surely, now we have left Faraday so far behind, they could be more sophisticated, unpredictable, advancing much farther than to this mere *tock tock tock*? e.g:

☐ *Boxing Glove Standards (BGS)*. Any intruder, passing electric eye, activates hydraulic ram with sensors which exactly locate his chin, deliver blow which computer calculates enough to knock him out but not warrant possible manslaughter charge.

☐ *Boxing Glove Extra (BGX)*. As above, but trusses him neatly (on same principle as farm baler) before he comes round.

☐ *Car Wash Simulators (CWS)*. Huge revolving brushes descend, whole wall opens up, intruder feels himself carried towards menacing *horizontal* brush, intensive water spray, which can only stop by yelling into microphone, also dropped to him, with script to be read or no doubt by this time yelled "Help! Help! I was trying to rob you but now I am going to be scrubbed or washed to death unless someone turns this thing off!" Only after police come does intruder realize it wasn't real water or brushes, just holograms.

☐ *Laughing Gas (LG)*. Intruder releases huge spray of nitrous oxide. Probably best for previously undetectable rush-hour robberies. Either intruder laughing hysterically staggering into Gt P St, or amplified sound of him – *that* might make them look up.



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A SIGN NOT A KEY

Last night's disclosure by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov that the Russians are ready to accept a global "double-zero" deal on intermediate-range nuclear forces is very welcome news to the West. It brings a Geneva arms agreement closer — and at a time when the White House was fearing that progress was being deliberately stalled.

It does not, however, clear the way for an agreement — or even remove the biggest single obstacle in its path. What it does is to bolster Western hopes that despite the prevarication of recent weeks, Soviet interest in an agreement remains strong. It is a sign of encouragement rather than the key to unlock a door.

The double-zero option, based on an original proposal made by Washington, would eliminate both the longer range and shorter range nuclear missiles based in Europe on each side (although not the "battlefield" weapons like the US Lance and Russian Scud and Frog missiles or nuclear artillery). Earlier this year the superpowers came close to a treaty which was almost, though not quite, what Washington wanted. The Americans agreed that although both countries would withdraw all INF missiles from Europe, each would retain 100 of them elsewhere. The Soviets wanted to keep some in Asia — to which the Americans responded by saying they would keep their 100 in Alaska.

The Soviets in turn objected to this, on the grounds that such weapons in Alaska could still hit Soviet territory — and the basing of these weapons has remained one of the sticking points still argued about in Geneva. What Mr Gorbachov has now done is apparently to abandon his demand for the 100 "reserve" stock — thus resolving at a stroke the wrangling over where to base them.

It is also satisfactory to the Americans because it eliminates a complicated problem over verification. As such missiles are highly mobile, it would be extremely hard for either superpower to be satisfied at any one time that the missiles were still being kept where the other side claimed.

As we have argued in the past, to retain a small number of missiles in Europe would be better, since this would bolster rather than diminish the sense of security in Western Europe. But the retention of 100 in Asia and Alaska has always looked an awkward compromise, which alarmed Western allies in the Far East and did little for anyone's peace of mind in Europe.

The argument over the 100 was not, however, the biggest one to settle. There remain others, like the American plans to convert cruise misiles withdrawn from Europe for use by US nuclear-powered submarines. The most obstinate remains that of the 72 Pershing-1As in West Germany. The West German government insists that as these belong to Bonn they should form no part of the superpower treaty. The Russians point out that as they are arming an ally of the United States they should also be bargained away.

Progress on all these issues has been stalled in recent weeks, which has led to concern in the White House and in Whitehall about ultimate Russian intentions. The assumption has been that the Soviets have been playing for time which they see to be on their side — with the Americans approaching a presidential election year. It was in the light of this uncertainty that Mrs Thatcher announced after her Washington summit last weekend that she was writing to Mr Gorbachov to ask him to quicken the pace again.

It seems highly unlikely that the Russians have already responded to this intervention. But the fact that they have acted in this important area will reassure Western leaders who might have been worryig that they had lost interest in any deal at all.

VICTIMS OF AN AGE

The old people who were abused, assaulted, tormented, and perhaps consigned to a premature death, in Southwark Council's Nye Bevan Lodge old people's home conformed to the Shakespearian description of old age: "In second childishness, and mere oblivion...Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."

They were certainly sans everything. They were ending their lives with little money and no property. They were entirely at the mercy of the "care assistants" who had accepted the responsibility of looking after them, and who were paid to do so.

It is never good for one group of people to be entirely at the mercy of another. Such power always has the potential for misuse and exploitation. Civilized states have built all manner of safeguards to ensure that as few people as possible are placed in such a condition of dependency, or in such a position of power.

The very young are by their nature dependent on others. But they have their parents to look after them. In the modern world, an entire class of citizen has emerged who, also by their nature, are dependent on others: the very old.

In the past, the problem did not exist on such a scale because few people lived to be very old. Those who did were generally looked after by their children within the "extended family" (as it was not then called). Grandparents normally either lived with their children or a few doors away. It is the sad destiny of today's very old to have reached a great age in the era during which the extended family declined and all but disppeared.

People grow up and move away from their parents. Wives have careers of their own, and therefore cannot be expected permanently to look after aged parents — as they were expected to do in the past. This does not mean that younger people are not interested in the well-being of their aged parents. There is no evidence of such widespread, deliberate neglect. It is simply that the pressures and mores of the age make it difficult, or impossible, for younger people to care for the very old all the time. So what is to be done?

Tax allowances could be considered, to enable more people to be able to afford to look after their parents. Local authorities should also be more flexible about allowing old people to move from council flats in one area to council flats in another, so as to be nearer their children — and thus be visited by them more often. But many of the very old will always have to live in institutional homes.

When they are owned by local authorities, those homes must continually be inspected. In most of them nothing untoward will be found. The care of the old attracts some of the most dedicated of society's servants. But, where problems are clearly visible, inspectors who are employees of the public sector must not be inhibited from adverse criticism simply because the homes are also in the public sector. The same standards should apply to publicly-owned homes as to those privately-owned.

In the Nye Bevan Lodge case, the inquiry eventually set up by the council heard evidence that the NUPE care assistants were in a position to influence Labour councillors through the union, which had powers of political patronage in the area. If this is true, it adds weight to the view that parts of the Welfare State are too often run for the benefit of its employees rather than its consumers. This is all the more reason why the consumers — in this case the very old — should be given the chance to choose alternative care.

Since (happily) the number of very old will continue to increase, the comparatively young should be encouraged to save for that old age. At present, possession of a few thousand pounds in the bank means that the old are not eligible for council homes. That is a positive incentive not to save. It also increases the risk of delivering the old into the "care" of those who disgraced Nye Bevan lodge.

A STAIN ON THE NAME OF KENYA

The Kenyan government is accused in an Amnesty International report published yesterday of adopting a deliberate programme to silence or intimidate its opponents. According to the report hundreds of possible dissidents were arrested during a government crackdown which began in March, 1986. 10 have been held indefinitely without trial, while more than 75 were imprisoned after unfair trials rarely lasting more than 30 minutes.

Two have died in custody. Many more have been tortured. Most were accused of belonging to a clandestine left wing opposition group about which little is known. But many, says Amnesty, appear to have done no more than criticize the way the country is run.

By the standards of much of the rest of black Africa, this may be considered mild stuff. For example in Uganda or Ethiopia — both of which share borders with Kenya — the number of people detained or killed for political opposition during the last few years runs into thousands rather than hundreds.

But the Amnesty report causes concern precisely because Kenya has, since the mid-60s, been a special case. Both under Kenyatta until 1978, and under Moi during the early years of his rule, Kenya was a relatively free and easy society where people could express whatever opinions they chose. Both have run a stable pro-Western state which although dominated by a single party has been something less than a dictatorship.

In terms of its economy, too, Kenya has provided an exception to the general run of black Africa. While much of sub-Saharan Africa groans under vast debts, the Kenyan economy has grown and flourished. Its exports, primarily agricultural, increased by 22 per cent last year. It has been able to diversify outside its main cash crop, coffee, thus easing the effect of a sudden drop in the world price of coffee as has happened this year. The problem of an exploding birth rate, although potentially disastrous in the long term, has not yet had a serious effect on the country's economic performance.

The result of this relative success story on both the political and economic levels is that Kenya has been the recipient of generous amounts of Western aid and business. Britain, for example, gives Kenya £35m of economic aid a year, the largest sum received by any African country. And it is in the context of this success that the Amnesty report worries Western governments, pinpointing as it does an increase in repression by President Moi's government and a decline in Kenya's previous good record on human rights.

Amnesty is not the first to criticize the Kenyan government. Politicians, clergymen, lawyers and others in Kenya have spoken out against the erosion of freedoms. Sometimes they have lost their jobs as a result.

Both the British and American governments have expressed concern to the Kenyan government during the past year about human rights abuses. President Moi's reaction has been encouraging. He has made a number of pronouncements supporting the rule of law, and in April announced that there would be a clean-up of the police. The day before the publication of the Amnesty report, a statement was issued to the effect that such excesses would be prevented in the future.

Whether this public determination to lift the cloud of repression gathering over Nairobi will be translated into effective action will not be clear for some months. But meanwhile President Moi's Western friends — for whom the country is strategically important — should use whatever influence they have to ensure that Kenya retains its reputation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to US challenge in the air

From Professor Alan Day

Sir, Lord King's statements (feature, July 20) about the advantages which US airlines enjoy in European markets are seriously misleading. He states: "Although we may not compete in their home markets" US airlines are "free to enter the nationally fragmented European market", flying for example from London to Frankfurt, Oslo and Brussels.

He fails to recall, firstly, that these rights given to US airlines are tightly circumscribed and limited to a very small number of routes; and secondly that British (and some other European) airlines received offsetting benefits from the United States in the relevant air services agreements.

These American rights in Europe date back to the end of the Second World War. In return for restricted American rights out of London, we British were given rights to a good many routes out of the USA, for example the West coast to Japan and Australia and from New York and Miami to many Latin American and Caribbean destinations. Some were "lost" by decolonisation. But the main reason for "losses" was British *inability* to exploit the rights profitably.

In the early 1970s, when I was Economic Adviser on Civil Aviation to the Board of Trade, I and others argued that the only good case for the proposed merger of BOAC and BEA was to create an integrated airline which could use our position astride the "great circle" routes between Europe and North America to provide through flights or good connections via London, just as Pan Am was already doing. I believe that in the absence of this argument the merger would not have been approved.

Unfortunately, the newly formed British Airways showed practically no sign of this kind of exploitation. If the opportunity had been taken, they could have led the world, with the emphasis on hub-and-spoke route patterns which now have become dominant in the USA.

What should be done now? Briefly, I believe that our geographical location, together with the painfully slow but substantial movement towards greater freedom for airlines within Europe, combine to mean that there are good opportunities for two major British hub-and-spoke airlines, based on Heathrow and Gatwick, as well as room for the competition of smaller British operators on many routes.

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Respect for Scotland

From Dr Hugh Roberts

Sir, In opposing Scottish devolution, Enoch Powell argues that "the establishment of a Scottish parliament is tantamount to the dissolution of the Union" (feature, July 8). Yet the Official Unionist Party, to which he belongs, supports the restoration of devolved government to Northern Ireland.

The OUP has refused to argue for legislative integration with Great Britain and is bitterly opposed to *electoral* integration, that is, the proposal that the British political parties should accept members and contest elections in Northern Ireland. Mr Robert McCartney, QC, was expelled from the OUP in May for championing this proposal, which is supported by 62 per cent of the Northern Ireland electorate according to the recent Coopers & Lybrand opinion poll.

Instead of supporting his fellow "integrationist" McCartney, Mr Powell played a leading role in the campaign against him within the OUP and in the extraordinary all-party campaign to prevent his election on June 11 in North Down where McCartney, standing as an independent "Real Unionist", came close to capturing the seat despite the unholy alliance against him.

Can Mr Powell reconcile his opposition to legislative devolution for Scotland with his continued membership of the devolutionist OUP and his own record of active hostility to electoral integration for Northern Ireland? Or will he now look for a seat in Scotland, as a Scottish Unionist, having ceased in principle as well as practice to be an Ulster Unionist?

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Royalty and Russia

From Mr Adam Baillie

Sir, The Queen's tour of China is surely not a precedent for a State visit to the USSR (John Grigg, July 18). The People's Republic of China has never officially been considered a political enemy of Great Britain, whose government was among the first to recognise Mao Tse-tung's regime after the communists assumed power in 1949.

But as Mr Grigg argues in favour of the "cathartic effect" a British royal visit would have on the "normalisation of the Soviet state", we should remember some of the effects of the Queen's 1986 China tour.

That confirmed the belief of very many people in Hong Kong that Britain was apathetic about the future fate of Hong Kong under Chinese communist sovereignty and that Britain too readily ignored the reality of China's *glasnost*, which spelled great hopes for trade but has not in effect lessened Chinese communism's antipathies to Western democratic ideals espoused by Hong Kong Chinese or led to any improvement in China's human rights record.

Yours faithfully,
ADAM BAILLIE,
43 Pemberton Gardens, N19.

Puzzling it out

From Mr David Vince

Sir, I was horrified to read that Mr Ward (July 16) uses dictionaries *et al* in solving the crossword, since I was brought up to believe that "looking up" was at best an admission of defeat and, at worst, downright cheating.

Surely the whole purpose of education is to enable one to complete *The Times* crossword unaided?

Yours etc,
D. VINCE,
Cottage 82, Lock 76,
Cassiobury Park,
Watford, Hertfordshire.

Elements harnessed

From Mr H. J. W. Smith

Sir, You invite entrepreneurs (Fourth Leader, July 18) to come forward and produce tinned English air for export for the comfort of expatriates.

I bought in Scotland over 20 years ago and still possess a tin of "Scottish Country Air" complete with instructions on the label as to how it should be inhaled after a brisk walk before breakfast so as to stimulate the appetite, increase the vitality, sooth frayed nerves and ensure restful sleep.

Yours faithfully,
H. J. W. SMITH,
1 North Grove Way,
Wetherby, West Yorkshire.
July 18.

From Mr Geoffrey G. Corder

Sir, Your suggestion is far too late. Twenty years ago, in a George Street, Edinburgh novelty shop, I bought a tin of pure Highland air which the tartan label announced had tonic properties of the highest order.

I sent it to a Scots office colleague who was recovering from an illness in a London hospital. He was dead in a week . . .

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY G. CORDER,
Oaktree Cottage,
Claypit Lane,
Westhampnett,
Chichester, West Sussex.

Sexist O levels

From Professor A. J. Pointon

Sir, It is unfortunate that your report by John Clare (June 27) on the sexist nature of O levels was not overstating the case. Asked to lecture last year on a Wise (Women in Science and Engineering) seminar on the subject, "What is science?", I put up a viewgraph with the heading, "What does a scientist do?"

When I revealed my answers to the form — "She identifies problems", "She seeks relevant *information*", *etc — it is no* exaggeration to say that my class of around 40 sixth-form girls "fell about".

To me, with the advantage of working in a physics department where 25 per cent of the staff are female, it was natural to think, in that context, of a scientist as "she". My young audience protested, somewhat breathlessly, that they had never heard of a scientist being female before.

With such an attitude, perhaps we should declare women scientists an endangered species.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY POINTON,
Professor of Microwave Physics,
Portsmouth Polytechnic,
Department of Applied Physics and Physical Electronics,
Park Building,
King Henry I Street,
Portsmouth,
Hampshire.

Service in Sudan

From Mr Graham F. Thomas

Sir, I have no wish to underestimate the distinguished contribution made by Mr Jack Mavrogordato to legal affairs in the Sudan (obituary, June 16), but Mr R. O. Collins in his tribute to him (July 6) is incorrect in stating that he was also "the architect of the legal structure of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan".

That honour must go to Mr E. Bonham-Carter (later Sir Edgar) who in 1899, with only one clerk to assist him, set about building a legal and judicial system.

He was the person responsible for the Sudan penal code and the Sudan code of criminal procedure, both based on the Indian codes. These were promulgated in 1902 and were operating effectively by the time of World War I.

Bonham-Carter became the judicial adviser, legal secretary, and a member of the Governor General's Council — the only senior civilian member of a military administration. Gertrude Bell wrote of him "as the wisest of men".

I am, yours etc,
GRAHAM F. THOMAS,
14 Honorwood Close,
Prestwood,
Great Missenden,
Buckinghamshire.

Poll tax seen as threat to privacy

From Mr Brendon Sewill

Sir, The proposals for the community charge, and also the proposals that have been made recently for a national credit register, raise some important issues relating to privacy and personal freedom.

Under the community charge everyone, except those under 18 and a few exempt groups, will be required to register. Every citizen will have to declare where they live: for better or worse it will no longer be permissible to be "of no fixed address".

The new register will be considerably more accurate than the present electoral roll. As your excellent article (Spectrum, July 13) pointed out, the information will be open to public inspection and available to Government departments. A computer record of where everyone lives, when combined with the now nearly completed computerisation of the National Insurance and Inland Revenue and with computerised vehicle registration records, will be a powerful tool in the hands of the police and the authorities.

In addition, the proposal that a national credit register should be established to record how much each citizen has borrowed has received support from Government ministers, from the Governor of the Bank of England and from the Director of Fair Trading. The national credit register would presumably be based on the community charge register, in the same way as the present less comprehensive credit reference services are based on the electoral roll.

To fulfill its purpose of preventing people getting into serious debt, the credit register would ultimately need to include details of income and assets as well as borrowing, and would need to be on-line to record immediately changes in borrowing, for example through the use of credit cards or the issue of additional credit facilities. The information it contained would need to be available to any bank, building society, shop or car salesman who might envisage lending money to the citizen in question.

Thus we appear to be moving towards a centralised file on each citizen, held on a series of interlocking computer systems, with limitations on access to certain types of information such as that held by the Inland Revenue but with other information widely available.

Such a system would have obvious advantages both for the public and for the authorities, but I wonder whether the dangers of infringement of personal privacy, especially in regard to the proposed credit register, have been fully weighed.

Yours sincerely,
BRENDON SEWILL,
Staggers Avon,
Charlwood, Surrey.

Selborne today

From Miss Margaret Bishop

Sir, As a resident of Selborne I was delighted that Philip Howard in his Urban Diary (July 13) recalled this village with some affection. It seems, though, that he has not been here recently.

Beauty there certainly is, but not peace, alas. The narrow and winding village street is now infested on weekdays by giant EEC containers from Portsmouth and articulated lorries from various parts of Sussex which clank when empty and rumble when full.

In one of his poems Gilbert White described Selborne as "a rural, shelter'd, unobserved retreat", but to describe the present situation two lines from John Gay's *Trivia, or the Art of Walking the Streets of London* (1716) would be more appropriate:

Here laden carts with thund'ring waggons meet,
Wheels clash with wheels, and bar the narrow street . . .

Selbornians are thus in danger of dying in a very sudden and messy manner — but not, as Mr Howard supposes, dying of boredom. There are multifarious village activities and a recent small survey revealed that because of the fame of Gilbert White people came from all parts of the UK, the USA, many European countries and places even further away, such as Botswana, Oman, Sri Lanka and Japan.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET BISHOP,
Box Cottage,
Selborne, Hampshire.

Whose baby?

From Mr P. J. Barlow

Sir, Garter and his distinguished colleagues (July 17) should try to take their jobs a little less seriously. There is an element of wishful thinking in all pedigrees derived through the male line, and it seems doubtful whether the legislation the Kings of Arms complain of will make much difference in practice to this fact of nature.

It's a wise child that knows its own father.

Yours etc,
P. J. BARLOW,
Annandale,
Minard, Argyll.
July 17.

From Dr William C. Crozier

Sir, The dismay of genealogical researchers would seem to be a poor reason for the disclosure of the donor's name on a birth certificate in cases where artificial insemination has needed to be resorted to. Usually both the recipient and her husband are unaware of the identify of the donor.

If they can accept this anonymity, then so should the College of Arms.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM C. CROZIER,
Department of Anaesthetics,
Plymouth General Hospital,
Plymouth, Devon.

Coming unstuck

From Mr M. A. Wyldbore-Smith

Sir, As surveyors responsible for the management of a number of buildings, we are faced with the increasing irritation of "fly" posters pasted over any handy vertical surface and promoting anything from heavy metal concerts to quasi-political meetings.

At last we have found an effective cure. You simply paste a large "cancelled" notice across them and tell the organiser of the event what you have done. Quite suddenly, you find that your site is poster-free.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. WYLDBORE-SMITH,
Chesshire Gibson
(Chartered Surveyors),
63 Temple Row,
Birmingham, West Midlands.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 23 1928

Dame Ellen Terry (1847-1928) came of a family of actors and her sister, Kate, was the grandmother of Sir John Gielgud. Her "great partner in art" was Henry Irving, who became manager of the Lyceum Theatre in 1878 and engaged her as leading lady

Ellen Terry.

If computation or comparison were possible it might well be found that no actress was ever so beloved by her public as ELLEN TERRY. Passionately as her two greatest contemporaries, BERNHARDT and DUSE, were admired, they did not rouse, in their own countries or abroad, the affection which like a spiced gale of Araby followed ELLEN TERRY over her long voyage. And it seems unlikely that any of the famous actresses of the past — LECOUVREUR, WOFFINGTON, CLAIRON, CLIVE, RACHEL — can have brought to the lips of their admirers just that smile of pleasure, of respectful amusement, of almost tender gladness, with which the sight or the thought of ELLEN TERRY never failed to light the faces of those who knew her quality. The cause of her peculiar fame can only be stated in paradox. She was an actress and nothing else; yet she was much more than an actress. By her art alone she won to eminence and popularity. Beyond an eagerness for female suffrage, she showed no interest in public affairs; she took no opportunities of self-recommendation through any public form of philanthropy. First and last she was an actress and proud of it. Yet if she had been only an actress, only a practitioner as accomplished and as secure as some of her already all but forgotten contemporaries, people would never of recent years have craned their necks to get a glimpse, in stalls or boxes, of an old and restless lady, rather heavily muffled and wearing big tinted spectacles; her jubilee and her Grand Cross of the British Empire would not have been occasions for heartfelt rejoicing; and it would not now seem so lamentable that the calm of death has at last emptied her gallant sails, and "dust hath clos'd Ellen's eye."

For her power as actress we must look through her swift and subtle perceptions of fun and pity and truth to the quality which was the making also of her great partner in art. It is often called personality, but vitality would be as good a name. In him it was dominating, sardonic, not a little terrifying. In her it was an enchanting womanhood. The weaker side of it was that innocent and childlike wilfulness which was the source of some unconventionality in her life and of some uncertainty in her acting. The strong side of it was the personal quality which made her the ideal impersonator of the heroines of SHAKESPEARE'S comedies — wise, gallant, humorous women like herself. It is true that in all her best years she was the by no means servile but always loyal and devoted helpmeet of a man whose plans restricted her scope of parts; but what better could she have than the parts she played at the Lyceum? She was nearest to perfection in Portia and in Beatrice — those Meredithian (as we might call them now) great ladies of wit and womanliness. Yet it may be that her surer claim to the greatness which is so rare in acting lay in her power of saying the simple things — Cordelia's "No cause, no cause"; Imogen's "I am sick still — heart sick"; and this of Hermione to Leontes:—

Adieu, my lord:
I never wish'd to see you sorry; now
I trust I shall.

Beyond the beauty of her face, her hair, her movements and all the entrancing airs and graces of her indefeasible youth lay the profounder beauty of a nature that could comprehend and share the deepest, simplest feeling. In this she was more than mere actress: and because of this she seemed not so much to impersonate as to be the women whom SHAKESPEARE drew.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 22: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a dinner at Admiralty House given by past and present Naval Equerries to The Queen.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Vice-Admiral Sir David Loram.

The Hon Mary Morrison and the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member, attended a luncheon given by the Rotary Club of London at the Café Royal, Regent Street.

His Royal Highness was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Kevin Gardner) and the President of the Club (Mr Kurt Oppenheim).

Major Rowan Jackson, RM, was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 22: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, as Patroness, was present this afternoon at a Garden Party given at Queens' College, Cambridge.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 22: The Prince of Wales this morning at Kensington Palace received the First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff (Admiral Sir William Staveley).

His Royal Highness, Patron, The Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust for Young Australians, this morning received Miss Sarah Grunstein at Kensington Palace.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, this morning received the Honorary Freedom of the City of London at Guildhall.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Sir John Riddell, Bt, and Commander Richard Aylard, RN, were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this evening gave a Reception for the Association of Carers at Kensington Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the Girl Guides Association, this morning attended the Commonwealth Chief Commissioner's Conference at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.

Her Royal Highness held a Reception for the Commonwealth Chief Commissioners of the Girl Guides Association at the Palace of Holyroodhouse this evening.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, later returned to London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 22: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, today visited the East of England Agricultural Show, Peterborough.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 22: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today received Lieutenant-Colonel D. James on assuming command of the 3rd Battalion, and Lieutenant-Colonel W.J. Willans on relinquishing the appointment.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Automobile Association, today attended a Special Luncheon to mark the retirement of Mr Olaf Lambert, Director General, at the Hyde Park Hotel, London SW1.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent this evening took the Salute at the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court, London SW5.

Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of York celebrate the first anniversary of their marriage today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Angus Mackinnon will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 1987, at noon at St Margaret's, Lothbury, London, EC2.

Marriages

Mr C.J.H. Oswald and Miss S.M. Hastings
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 27, at St Colman's Church, Cosham, Hampshire, of Mr Christopher James Harvey Oswald, younger son of Admiral Sir Julian and Lady Oswald, of Shedfield, Hampshire, and Miss Suzanne Melanie Hastings, younger daughter of Mr Roy Hastings, of Paignton, Devon.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Juliette Nicholson, her sister. Mr Timothy Oswald, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

Mr J. Bilder and Mrs T. McKenna
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 18, in London between Mr Jeremy Bilder, younger son of the late Mr Leonard Bilder and Mrs Michael Gilbery and stepson of Mr Michael Gilbery, ARCA, and Mrs Tessa McKenna, elder daughter of Mr Ian Wightman-Mountain and Mrs Muir Hunter and stepdaughter of Mr Muir Hunter, QC.

A reception was held at the Inner Temple.

Mr A.J.H. Dunn and Miss A.A. Clarke
The marriage took place on Thursday, July 9, at St Mary's, Cadogan, between Mr Hugh Dunn, younger son of the late Archibald Dunn and of Mrs Dunn, of Overbury Hall, Suffolk, and Miss Allison Clarke, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Morton Clarke, of Virginia Beach, United States. Canon Michael Richards officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Corisand Fenwick, Carrie Spalding, Harry Townsend and Simon Kershaw. Mr James Sparrow was best man.

The reception was held at the Naval and Military Club.

Mr T.N. Hibbert and Mrs S.L. Patmore
The marriage took place on July 17, at Roundhay, Leeds, between Mr Neil Hibbert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs T.W. Hibbert, of Shipley, West Yorkshire, and Mrs Stephanie Patmore, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.W. Bailey, of Ingoldmells, Lincolnshire.

Dr M. Patterson and Dr H.F. Allan
The marriage took place on July 18, at Chenies in Buckinghamshire, between Dr Mervyn Patterson, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Patterson, of Co Down, Northern Ireland, and Dr Hilary Allan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Allan, of Chalfont St Giles. The Rev Julian Harford officiated.

The bride was attended by Miss Rebecca Smith. Dr Jerry Camilleri was best man.

A reception was held at Chenies Manor.

Luncheons

Corporation of London
The Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Corporation of London yesterday at the Mansion House after the Freedom of the City of London had been conferred upon her at Guildhall.

The Lord Mayor received the guests. The Lord Chancellor and the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher attended. Others present included:

Earl and Countess Spencer, the Hon Mrs Shand Kydd, Ruth Lady Fermoy, Viscount Althorp, the High Commissioner for Swaziland and Mrs Mamba, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, the Ambassador of Qatar and Mrs Al-Kuwari, the Austrian Ambassador and Frau Thomas, the Spanish Ambassador and Señora Puig de la Bellacasa, the Ambassador of Bahrain and Mrs Al Sabbagh, the Ambassador of Japan and Mme Yamazaki, the Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs McMurtry, the Italian Ambassador, the Portuguese Chargé d'Affaires, the acting High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Farrell.

The Bishop of London and Mrs Leonard, the Paymaster General (the Private Secretary to the Queen and Lady Heseltine, the Archbishop of Wales and Mrs Noakes, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Lady Richards, the Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office and Lady Cubbon, the Crown Equerry (the Queen Private Secretary to the Queen) the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Lady Newman, the Vice Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Mrs Hervey, the Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister and Mrs Charles, the Master of the Grocers' Company and Mrs Marlingon, the Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures and Lady Millar, the Speaker and their ladies, representatives of the Civil Service, HM Forces, finance and industry, aldermen, common councilmen and officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts.

Board of Deputies of British Jews
The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Board of Deputies of British Jews at Woburn House yesterday. Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, president, accompanied by Mrs Kopelowitz, presided, assisted by honorary officers and the secretary-general and Mr William Nagel. Among others present were:

The Earl of St Andrews, Miss Serrana Tomaselli, the Earl of Perth, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, Lord Kissin, Lady Tanner, the Chief Rabbi, Sir Phillip and the Hon Lady de Zulueta, Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, the Chargé d'Affaires of Israel, Mr Clive Jenkins and MP Haim Topol.

Automobile Association
The Duke of Kent, President of the Automobile Association, was a speaker at a luncheon held yesterday at the Hyde Park Hotel to mark the retirement of Mr Olaf Lambert as director general. Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, chairman, presided and others present included:

Viscount De L'Isle, VC, Lord Erroll of Hale, Professor Esmond Wright and Mr Andrew Lewis (vice-presidents) with Sir Simon Dyer (chairman of general purposes), the Bishop of Winchester, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord Carmichael of Kelvingrove, Lord Forte, Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord Mulley, Baroness Seear, Lord Strathcarron, Lord Tordoff, Lord Underhill, Lord Ezra, Mrs Lynda Chalker, MP, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Sir Thomas Risk, Sir Ian Trethowan, Sir Alan Bailey, Sir Robert Marks, Mr Graham Day, Mr Peter Imbert, Mr Roger Birch, Mr Charles McLachlan, Mr John Duke, Mr J.D. Rose, Mr Sam Toy, Mr John Whitmore, Mr R.E.H. Haddington, Mr C.J. Corrance and Dr John Havard.

Dinners

Law Society
The Lord Chancellor, the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were among the guests at a dinner given by Sir John Wickerson, President of the Law Society, the vice-president and council at Law Society's Hall last night. Others present included:

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, QC, the Master of the Rolls, the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, the Family Division, Judge Sir James Miskin, QC, Sir Derek Oulton, QC, the Treasurer of Gray's Inn, the Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, the Treasurer of the Inner Temple, Mr Peter Scott, QC, Mr John Griffiths, QC.

Biochemical Society
Sir Arnold Burgen, Master of Darwin College, Cambridge, was the guest of honour at a dinner held yesterday at the meeting of the Biochemical Society at the University of Kent at Canterbury. Professor H.M. Keir, chairman of the society, presided.

Haileybury Society
The Master of Haileybury, Mr David Jewell, and the Bishop of St Albans, president of the council, were the guest speakers at a dinner held at Haileybury on July 17 to mark the founding of Haileybury at Hertford Heath and of St Marks at Windsor in 1862. Mr Alastair Macpherson, President of the Haileybury Society, presided and also spoke.

Receptions

Royal Fine Art Commission
Prince Michael of Kent was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission and Commissioners yesterday at 7 St James's Square. Among those present were members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of both Houses of Parliament and representatives of the arts and architectural world.

Association of County Councils
Sir Frank Layfield, QC, President of the Association of County Councils, was host at a reception held at Eaton House yesterday for members of both Houses of Parliament, chairmen of county councils and representatives of local authorities.

Birthdays today

Miss Coral Browne, actress, 74; Sir Alastair Down, former chairman, Burmah Oil Company, 73; Mr David Essex, singer, 40; Mr Michael Foot, MP, 74; Mr Graham Gooch, cricketer, 34; Mrs Betsy Haworth, Third Church Estates Commissioner, 63; Mrs Elspeth Huxley, writer, 80; Mr Danny La Rue, entertainer, 60; Mr Clive Rice, cricketer, 38; Mr Richard Rogers, architect, 54; Mr John Stokes, MP, 70; Mr Andrew Rutherford, warden, Goldsmiths' College, 58; Mr Richard Searby, QC, chairman, The News Corporation, 56; Mr Peter Twiss, former test pilot, 66.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Admiral Sir John Woodward to be Flag Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty, in succession to Admiral Sir Peter Stanford.

Mr Philip Mackie, Deputy Editor of the *Edinburgh Evening News*, to be Assistant Press Secretary to the Queen in October, in succession to Mr Victor Chapman.

The following have been elected members of the Crown Appointments Commission, with the Secretary General of the General Synod of the Church of England as presiding officer:

Canon G.V. Bennett, Canon R.C. Craston, the Rev B.M.M. O'Connor, Miss Ruth Etchells, Mr O.W. Clark and Sir Timothy Hoare.

The Old Malthouse Langton Matravers

Mr Jonathan Phillips, Deputy Headmaster of the Downs School, Wraxall, has been appointed to succeed Mr Patrick Jordan as Headmaster of the Old Malthouse School from September 1, 1988.

Church news

The Archbishop of Canterbury consecrated the new Bishop Suffragan of Ludlow, the Right Rev Ian Macdonald Griggs, and the Bishop of Stafford, the Right Rev Michael Scott-Joynt, at Southwark Cathedral yesterday.

Science report

Bones find points to early man

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Further evidence has been presented to substantiate the claims of an early human presence in Pakistan some two million years ago (*The Times*, June 17), which have profound implications for the understanding of the initial people of Asia.

More than five hundred stone tools have been found in different localities, together with more than 40,000 animal bones, to document a long sequence of human occupation and possible sources of meat for ancient hunters.

The recent discoveries were described by Dr Robin Dennell, of Sheffield University, at the South Asian Archaeology conference in Venice this month: he is one of the members of a joint Pakistan Department of Archaeology/British Archaeological Mission team who have been working in the region, and some of his colleagues also presented environmental and archaeological evidence.

The research has been concentrated in the Jalsipur region and especially the Pabbi Hills north of Lahore, close to the Indian border. In the hills the gentle accumulation of sediments results in good preservation of animal remains over two million years, beginning 2.5 million years ago.

Of particular interest was the sandstone called Unit 12, 50 to 70 metres thick and dating to between 1.4 and 1.2 million years ago, the period when the early species of human called *Homo erectus* is thought to have perhaps spread east out of Africa.

More than 13,000 fossils were found this year, of animals ranging in size from elephant and rhinoceros down to turtle and frog. Over 30 taxa have been identified, and it seems that carnivore lairs are likely to be a good source of remains for the sort of animals that *Homo erectus* would have hunted, and possibly for the hominid species also. In one locus more than 300 bones were found in an area only 1.5 by 1 metre.

The bones, like the stone tools, come mainly from surface exposures. Over a hundred tool-bearing loci have been sampled, with up to five tools from each. The raw material is quartzite, which makes human flaking more difficult to detect than it is on flint or obsidian, and most of the specimens so far are squared or hemispherical cores and flakes derived from them. Formal tools are scarce.

The single most important find, already described in the press but exhibited as a cast in Venice by Dr Dennell, is a quartzite chopper found in 1983 at Rohtas. It has fresh tri-directional flaking giving a fairly straight cutting edge, not unlike the Oldowan tools from East Africa which are also considered to date between one and two million years ago.

It was found below 70 metres of sediments, which are capped with a volcanic deposit from which a palaeomagnetic date of 1.6 million years was obtained. This suggests, Dr Dennell said, a date of around two million years for the Rohtas tool, while geological dating showed that some 500 tools were at least a million years old.

The discoveries in Pakistan suggest that either *Homo erectus* existed earlier than the currently oldest specimens — one of 1.6 millions years from Kenya and a claimed date of 1.7 million from China — or that the even earlier species, *Homo habilis*, may have not been confined to Africa, but might have already begun the human diaspora into Asia.

Times men receive honours



Mr Ronald Butt (left) who has written a weekly column for The Times since 1969, was presented at Buckingham Palace yesterday with the insignia of a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Major Stanley Baldwin, of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and a member of The Times staff for the past 26 years, who is seen after being presented with the insignia of a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

Sale room

Sitwell portrait just a little near the bone

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The National Portrait Gallery made one of its oddest purchases at Sotheby's yesterday, a gouache "portrait" of Edith Sitwell by John Banting at £1,430 (estimate £500-£700).

Banting did not get the writer to sit for him and the picture only vaguely looks like her. It is, in fact, a portrait of a bone which Banting mounted because it reminded him so strongly of Edith Sitwell. He painted the picture in around 1944. Leggatt's, the Duke Street dealers, bid for it on behalf of the gallery.

Sotheby's morning sale of modern British pictures and sculpture made a total of £395,241 with 10 per cent left unsold.

Phillips was selling the contents of a definitive 1930s house, New Farm, Great Easton, in Essex. It was built by W.F.Crittall, son of the window frame manufacturer, with a strong debt to Gropius and the Bauhaus movement.

Some of the furniture he designed himself, including an octagonal mahogany dining room table with Red Indians' heads embellishing the legs. It made £3,080 (estimate £1,000-£2,000), while the set of 14 mahogany dining chairs that he designed to go with it made £5,630 (estimate £2,000-£3,000).

The Fine Art Society paid £3,960 (estimate £800-£1,200) for a chromium plated "siege tournant" chair by Le Corbusier and Peter Nahum, another London dealer, spent £14,300 (estimate £5,500-£8,000) to aquire a watercolour by Eric Ravilious - one of Critall's artist friends - depicting the ship "Brighton Queen at Night".

At Christie's in London the library of James O'Byrne (1835-97), a leading architect of the Gothic revival era, made a total of £218,465 with five per cent left unsold. The four volume first edition of Piranesi's etched plates of *Le Antichita Romane* dating from 1756 made the top price at £7,700 (estimate £6,000-£8,000).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.N.J. Carlton and Miss A.C. Plant
The engagement is announced between Hugh Nicholas James, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. Ian Carlton, of Edinburgh, and Alison Christina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Plant, of Tewin, Hertfordshire.

Mr N.S. English and Miss M.C. Kaun
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr Richard English, of Putney Heath, London, and the late Mrs Betsey English, and Mary Catherine, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Darryl Kaun, of Los Angeles, California.

Mr M.S. Hayes and Miss S.A.J. Whowell
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.H. Hayes, of Los Gigantes, Tenerife, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Whowell, of Bangor, North Wales.

Mr S.F. Powys Maurice and Miss J.C. Gray
The engagement is announced between Simon Frederick, son of Commodore and Mrs Michael Powys Maurice, of West Harting, Sussex, and Joanna Catherine, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Gray, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D.W.S. Reid and Miss V.R. Stainton
The engagement is announced between Donald, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.K. Reid, of Edinburgh, and Valerie, only daughter of Mrs F. Stainton, of Edinburgh.

Mr Q.E. Robey and Miss L.A.C. Vanreenen
The engagement is announced between Quentin, son of Mr and Mrs M.E.L. Robey, of Crowhurst, near Battle, Sussex, and Lorna, elder daughter of Major and Mrs J.G. Vanreenen, of Gullane, East Lothian.

Mr C.J. Seligman and Mrs K.A. Smither
The engagement is announced between Charles Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Seligman, of London, and Katherine Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Epstein, Jnr, of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr S.A. Stamp and Miss A.C. Walker
The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Stamp, of Gomshall, Surrey, and Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S.F. Walker, of Shalford, Surrey.

Mr T.D.C. Woolland and Miss C.A.M. Sumner
The engagement is announced between Terrence, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Woolland, of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mrs E.J. Sumner, of Little Bedwyn, Wiltshire, and Captain B.J. Sumner, of Benidorm, Spain.

OBITUARY

DR DAVID BROWN

Windows on the heavens

Dr David Brown, an influential figure in the design of postwar astronomical telescopes, died on July 17, after a short illness. He was 59.

David Scatcherd Brown was born on August 25, 1927, and educated at Oldbury County High School and at Cambridge, where he read Natural Sciences.

From 1950 until 1985 he worked with the firm of Sir Howard Grubb Parsons, at Newcastle. He was appointed optical manager in 1961 and technical director in 1975.

This period was one of great note in British telescope construction. British astronomers — and, indeed, astronomers in general — are now reaping the rewards of the efforts of those years. Brown's team at Grubb Parsons was responsible for a whole succession of telescopes, many of which were for foreign astronomers.

Among those built for United Kingdom observing sites, scattered throughout the world, were the 2.4-metre Isaac Newton, originally at Hurstmonceux, but moved to La Palma in the Canaries several years ago; the 3.9-metre Anglo-Australian, at Siding Springs, Australia; a 48-inch Schmidt, also at Siding Springs; and the 3.5-metre UK Infra-Red for the Mauna Kea mountain-top observatory on Hawaii.

The team's most recent instrument was the 4.2-metre William Herschel telescope, which was inaugurated a short while ago at La Palma, and promises to be one of the world's finest telescopes.

Brown's was a leading name throughout the world in mirror design for these reflector telescopes. His particular expertise was in the refinement of polishing techniques, which led to great improvements in the 48-inch Schmidt, already a very good design.

These skills were in great demand by observatories. His wise counsel was appreciated by colleagues in the astronomical fraternity all over the world. Shortly before his death he had returned from a trip to Japan where he had been consulted about the establishment of a new telescope there.

Brown's contributions to astronomy earned him an honorary doctorate from Durham University, in 1981. When Grubb Parsons closed in 1985, he was made the Science and Engineering Research Council Grubb Parsons Fellow at Durham where a flourishing astronomical group has emerged during the last decade.

There he was involved in feasibility studies for new wide-field telescopes and in active optics systems for combatting the limiting effects of the earth's atmosphere on imaging by large telescopes.

Brown was a quiet but friendly man. He was in his element talking telescopes — whether it be to a Saudi wanting to observe the new moon or to a Durham research student interested in the most distant quasars.

His early death is a sad loss to his devoted wife, Margaret, their son and daughter, and also to the astronomical community.

MR O. V. LLOYD-DAVIES

Mr O. V. Lloyd-Davies, FRCS, surgeon, who specialized in diseases of the colon and rectum, died on July 15. He was 82.

He was an innovator, and devised many instruments for his speciality: sigmoidoscopes, forceps, retractors and so on.

But he will, perhaps, be remembered best for his contribution — a major one in the late 1930s — to the development of the synchronous combined abdomino-perineal excision of the rectum, which he perfected with the late Sir Clifford Naunton-Morgan. This simplified the operative technique and significantly reduced mortality from rectal cancer.

He was also responsible in this country for the development of anterior resection of the rectum to enable patients with rectal cancer to have the tumour removed without the need of a permanent colostomy.

Oswald Vaughan Lloyd-Davies was born on January 13, 1905, the son of a Welsh clergyman. He was educated at Caterham School and at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, graduating in 1930. His academic advancement thereafter was very rapid in a way not possible today.

He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1932 and a Master of Surgery at London University in the same year. He was appointed to the staff of St Mark's Hospital for Diseases of the Colon and Rectum in 1935, at the age of 30, and soon afterwards joined the staff of the Connaught and the Hampstead general hospitals.

It was not until 1950, when he had an international reputation, that he was invited to join the staff of his *alma mater* — the Middlesex Hospital. He served St Mark's and the Middlesex hospitals until his retirement in 1970.

Lloyd-Davies had a large private practice and was much sought after. He was not a particularly good undergraduate teacher, but for the surgeon in training he could not do enough.

He was a surgeon's surgeon; and his delicate hands and gentleness with tissues meant that he could undertake difficult and complex operations with few complications. He was, by nature, a slow and meticulous operator, yet he could be surprisingly rapid and decisive when the occasion demanded. Much of his skill was gleaned from careful anatomical research.

Lloyd-Davies was not a research worker in the modern sense. He was influential in the work of St Mark's research foundation by his gift for fund raising. He was a past president of the then section of proctology at the Royal Society of Medicine.

He continued consulting practice until 1980, thereafter devoting himself to his garden and to his pigs and chickens. He kept in trim with a daily swim during the more temperate months.

His first wife, Menna, whom he married in 1939, died in 1968. His second wife, Rosamund, whom he married two years later, survives him with a son (also a surgeon) and a daughter from his first marriage.

RICHARD EGAN

Richard Egan, film actor, who died at Santa Monica, California, on July 20, aged 65, had a vogue in his day as a rugged leading man in action movies and Westerns.

He had a highly literate background which contrasted markedly with the kind of screen character he portrayed.

He had graduated from San Francisco University in 1942, and after war service in the US Army, where he was a judo instructor, he went to Stanford. There, he took a master's degree in theatre history and dramatic literature.

He then did research at Northwestern University and acted in many college stage productions, which ranged from Shakespeare to the contemporary classics.

When he arrived in Hollywood in 1949 he seemed, with his athletic figure and vividly handsome face, a plausible successor to Clark Gable.

Perhaps he never found a vehicle to do his qualities justice; or perhaps it was that the Gable-style hero was on the way to becoming an extinct species by the end of the following decade. In any event, Egan never really fulfilled his early promise.



Egan as Leonidas in 300 Spartans

His first film was *The Damned Don't Cry*, a somewhat inert middle class housewives' fantasy of revolt against domestic tedium, from which none of a distinguished cast — which included Joan Crawford — emerged completely unscathed.

Brisker business followed with such characteristic Fifties action as *One Minute to Zero*, *The Hunters*, and the Elvis Presley inaugural vehicle, *Love Me Tender*.

But the sceptical Sixties were impending for the uncomplicated type of protagonist represented by Egan. Anti-heroes like Paul Newman's Hud were the order of the day, and Egan — surprisingly, perhaps, in view of his academic background — seemed unable to make the transition in a manner that enabled him to hold his place at the top.

Occasionally, a solid costume drama like *300 Spartans* (1962) would give him an heroic role of some dignity; but by the end of the decade his film career was falling off, though he did do work for television, including soaps, and had the occasional fruitful foray on the boards in roles worthy of his talents.

He leaves a widow, Patricia, four daughters and a son.

PROFESSOR HENRI FLUCHERE

Professor Henri Fluchère, an outstanding figure in post-war Anglo-French cultural relations, died in France on July 20. He was 88.

Henri Auguste Fluchère was born at Marseilles on November 18, 1898. He was educated at the Collège de Manosque, and at the Lycée Thiers, in the city, before going to the Sorbonne. For four years, from 1921, he was lector in French at Cambridge.

On returning to France, he was a schoolmaster at Marseilles until 1941, when he became lecturer in English at the University of Aix-Marseille.

During the Occupation, he took a prominent part in the Resistance and narrowly escaped arrest by the Gestapo.

In 1946, he went to Oxford as first director of the newly-founded Maison Française which, under his inspiring leadership, grew from modest beginnings to be a popular and prestigious Oxford, the influence of which was felt far beyond the bounds of the university and the city.

During his time in England, he was appointed to a full professorship in his home university, to which he returned in 1963.

Fluchère's publications on English literature were numerous and distinguished. Two of his books were translated into English: *Shakespeare and the Elizabethans*, in 1956, and *Laurence Sterne: From Tristram to Yorick*, in 1965.

He was a skilful translator, and it was largely through his work that T. S. Eliot became so well known to the French public after the war. Other modern authors whose cause he championed by his translations included Aldous Huxley, D. H. Lawrence, Henry Miller and T. F. Powys. He also translated into English two of the novels of his great friend, Jean Giono.

His practical interest in the theatre was evinced not only by his translations and editions of Shakespeare and other English playwrights, but also by his having been the founding president, in 1930, of the avant-garde Marseilles theatre group, Le Rideau gris, for which he composed plays and even acted. His productions of French plays while he was in Oxford were always noteworthy events.

His distinction as a scholar and his contribution to Anglo-French understanding won him numerous honours — an honorary doctorate from Oxford, honorary fellowships at Exeter College, Oxford, and Caius College, Cambridge, an hon CBE, the Legion of Honour and a *Festschrift* by English and French colleagues in 1976.

But Fluchère will be remembered, above all, as a man profoundly attached to his beloved home in Sainte-Tulle, ebulliently overflowing with Provencal warmth and wit, full of irreverent paradoxes and love of argument, youthful in spirit to the end.

His first wife, Yvonne, died in 1947, and his only daughter, Monique, was tragically killed in an accident in 1969. He is survived by his second wife, Marie-Louise.

GEN DMITRY LELYUSHENKO

General Dmitry Danilovich Lelyushenko, a Russian general, who commanded armoured forces in the field throughout the Second World War, has died at the age of 85.

A Civil War veteran, he was leading a brigade at the outbreak of war, and subsequently, as commander of the 1st Moscow Proletarian Motorized Infantry Division, he played his part in the repulse of the German Army in front of the Russian capital, in the bitter Winter of 1941.

With the reinstatement of honorific titles for Soviet units, as part of the high command's attempt to inject more *esprit de corps* into Russian soldiers, he was appointed to lead one of the new Guards corps.

He then commanded the 1st and 3rd Guards Armies in the offensive operations which broke the back of the Wehrmacht in the summer of 1943.

He led the 4th tank Army in the Russian reoccupation of the Ukraine, and when the Red Army broke into Poland he was responsible for trapping large German forces at Brody and Lvov.

In the progress of the Russian armies westwards he forced the passage of the Vistula, and then drove his armoured forces onwards to help to capture Prague.

Mr John Quincy Adams, who died on July 20, was the great-greatgrandson of John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States, and great-great-greatgrandson of John Adams, second President of the United States. He was 64.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Take heed to yourselves: if thy brethertrespass against thee, rebuke him: and if he repent, forgive him. St. Luke 17 : 3

BIRTHS

ADLARD - On July 11th 1987, to Rosamund (née Garner) and Antony, a daughter, Emma Jane Louise, a sister for Katharine Sarah Elizabeth.

EARNFIELD - On Tuesday, July 14th to Tricia and Mike, a son, Charles Samuel Foxwell, a brother to Frederick.

BEAUMONT - On July 19th, to Diana and Mark Henry, a son.

BIRD - On July 22nd 1987, to Fiona (née Murray) and Stephen, a son, Thomas John Glover, a brother for Alexander.

BORRINGDON - On July 19th 1987, to Carolyn and Mark, a daughter.

BULLER - On April 23rd 1987, to Clare (née Meadows) and Nigel, a son, James Swithin Arthur.

DAVIS - On July 21st, to Anna (née Cassidy) and Adam, son, William (Liam) Cassidy.

DENNY - On June 21st, in Ipswich, to Anna (née Raban) and Nick, a daughter, Catherine Fiona.

EGGINS - On July 12th, to Stephen and Priscilla, a son, George Edwin Francis, a brother for Edmund.

FORDYCE - On July 9th, to Susan (née Reeder) and Andrew, a son, Edward Iain.

HALLINAN - On July 21st, to Jackie and Michael, a daughter, a sister for Timothy.

HANSELLA - On July 20th, to Adèle (née Leng-Smith) and Roger, a son

KNEE - On July 22nd, to Sarah (née Corrigan) and Martin, a son, James.

LANGDON-NEUMER - On July 21st, in Vienna to Elise (née Langdon-Fox) and Alfi, a son Fabian Guy.

MACHIN - On July 17th, to Sally (née Wingate-Saul) and Henry, a daughter, Cecily, sister for Jemima.

MARSHALL - On Sunday July 19th 1987, to Carole (née Roberts) and Michael, a daughter, Emma Margaret Evelyn.

MAYBURY - On July 21st, to Sally and Charles, a son, Bernard Douglas.

MELVILLE - On July 21st 1987, to Catharine (née Wingate) and David, a daughter, a sister for Thomas.

MILLS - On July 18th 1987, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Caroline (née Scarlett-Streatfeild) and David, a son, Jamie David Streatfeild, a brother to Ben and Laura.

PINDAR - On July 16th, to Sue and Nigel, a beloved daughter, Charlotte Louise.

STICKINGS - On July 5th 1987, to Julie (née Ibbott) and Jeremy, a son, Thomas Ewart, a brother for Martha. Sincere thanks to the staff at University College Hospital, London.

THOMPSON - On July 21st at Queen Mary's Roehampton to Gillian Lesley (née Bacon) and Peter, and daughter Lisa Helen, a sister for Alexander James.

TURNER - On July 20th 1987, to Anne (nee Stonehill) and David Turner, a son, Jethro William.

VEITCH - On July 20th, to Rosemary and Graham, a daughter.

WILLIAMS - On July 20th, to Catherine (née Irvine) and Mark, the gift of a son Alastair Harry, with enormous thanks to the marvellous staff at Queen Charlotte's.

WOOLLEY - On July 14th 1987, at the Rosie Maternity, Cambridge to Shelagh (née Todd) and Peter, a son, James Peter Ross a brother for Lucy.

MARRIAGES

DENHAM:HOLLYWELL - On July 16th, at the Church of St Oswald, Oswestry, James Denham to Amanda Hollywell.

GUMMER:ASPINALL - On July 18th 1987, at St. Peter's Church, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, Andrew, son of Mr & Mrs E.N. Gummer of London W8, to Melanie, elder daughter of Mr & Mrs J.W. Aspinall of Farnham, Surrey.

JOHNSON:VOGTS - On July 17th, 1987, in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., between DR. Robin S. Johnson and Virginia M. Vogts.

DEATHS

ARMITSTEAD - On July 20th, peacefully after a long and courageous struggle, Gillian Louise (née Bartley) wife of Harry Armitstead and mother of Claire and Julian. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, Sussex, on Friday July 24th at 10am. Family flowers only, donations, if desired to St Catherine's Hospice, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

COWLEY - On July 21st 1987, Charles Woods peacefully at home. Dearly loved husband of Ruth, father and grandfather. Family Cremation only at his request.

COZENS-HARDY - On July 21st, Noel of West Lodge, Aylsham, aged 92 years, beloved husband of the late Peggy. Funeral Service St Michael's Church, Aylsham July 27th at 2pm. No flowers but donations, if desired, for St Michael's Hospital C/O Duckers, White Hart Street, Aylsham, Norfolk.

EPPS - On July 18th 1987, suddenly in Oban County Hospital, Ernest Fredric of 13 Barntongate Avenue, Edinburgh and Ardchotile Erdind, by Dalmally, Argyll. Beloved husband of the Honourable Pamela Moncreiss M.D.C.H.D., father and grandfather. Funeral on Thursday, July 23rd 1987 at 12 noon at Parish Church, Crook-of-Devon, by Kinross to which all friends are respectfully invited.

FALK - On July 21st, peacefully, Ronnie, beloved husband of Jane, adored father of Caroline and Julia, much loved son of Phyllis Carter and brother of Denise Asserson. Funeral private. Memorial service, West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, W1, Thursday July 30th, 6pm. Donations if desired to Edenhall, Marie Curie Home, 11 Lyndhurst Gardens, London NW3.

HOLDEN - On July 19th 1987, Kathleen Mary (née Boumphrey) aged 90 years of Crouchley Cottage Lymm, Cheshire, widow of Lorry Holden. Service at Lymm Parish Church on Thursday 30th July at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations for the R.N.L.I. Donations and enquiries to John Burrowes & Sons, Funeral Directors, 33 Higher Lane Lymm, Cheshire. Tel: (092575) 2501.

FORDHAM - On July 20th 1987, at Thamesfield Nursing Home, Henley-on-Thames, and formerly of Parkside, Stonor, Oxfordshire, Marie-Louise Fordham C.B.E., aged 87, widow of Major Basil Graham Fordham Requiem Mass at Stonor Park Chapel on Tuesday, 28th July at 11.00am. Flowers, if desired, to Tomalin & Sons, 48 New Street, Henley-on-Thames.

HOWITT - On July 19th, Edith Vera (nee Rhodes) L.R.A.M., wife of Charles Roberts Howitt, C.M.G., late M.C.S., and beloved mother of Sheila and Elizabeth, fondly remembered by grand and great-grandchildren, Alistair, James, Guy, Holly, Philip, Owen, Magali, Anna, Joseph, Denise, Richard, Nicola, Peter, Harriet and Rachel.

HUBBARD - On July 19th 1987, suddenly, Leslie Frederick aged 72, very dearly loved husband of Pam and sister Doris Peace, oldest friend of Harry Peace and much loved uncle and friend of so many. Family only Cremation at South London Crematorium, Tuesday 28th July. No flowers please, but donations if wished to Cancer Research, St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham or Old Alleynian Ground Fund, C/O Dulwich College. A memorial service will be held at Dulwich College Chapel in September, details to follow.

IRVING - On July 21st, peacefully at home, Francis Graham. Funeral Service at Winchester College Chapel on Monday July 27th at 2.00pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to the Wessex Cancer Trust, C/O John Steel & Son, Cheall House, Cheall St, Winchester.

KERMACK - On July 21st, Derek Ogilvy, beloved husband of Margo, father of Christopher and the late Nicholas. Cremation at Penmount, Truro, 11.40 am, Friday 31st July. No flowers: donations if desired to The Bursar, Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, PL26 6AB.

LYNBERY - On July 20th, at Bromley Hospital, Mary Jane (Polly), dearly beloved wife of Peter and mother of Marcia and Michael. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End, on Monday July 27th at 1.40. Flowers before 11.30 to H.Copeland & Son Ltd, 9 Bromley Rd, Beckenham, Kent.

MAGLE - On July 19th 1987, so suddenly in hospital after a short illness, David, dearly son of Florence, beloved husband of Judith and devoted father of Robert, Alasdair, William and Timothy. Memorial Service in Wisborough Green on Tuesday 28th July at 11.00. Family flowers and donations if wished to Petworth Cottage Nursing and Convalescent Home, Petworth, Sussex.

OHLSEN - On July 20th 1987, at the Leicester Royal Infirmary after a brief illness very bravely borne, Gwyneth May Ohlsen aged 69 years. The dearly loved wife of Geoffrey Turner and beloved mother of John Christopher, sorely missed. Funeral Service at St. Paul's Church, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire on Friday, July 24th at 12.15pm. Cremation following at Loughborough Crematorium. Cut flowers only and further enquiries to Ginns & Gutteridge Ltd, Funeral Directors of Leicester. Telephone: (0533) 516117.

ROSS - On July 21st, peacefully after a short illness, Stella, dearly loved wife of David Ross, (she painted under the name of Stella Steyn). Funeral private, no flowers.

SHRIVE - On July 20th, 1987 Father Francis Gordon Shrive, SSJE, aged 91 years. Funeral at Medbourne Church near Market Harborough on Monday July 27th at 2 pm, followed by cremation. Memorial Requiem at St Edward's House, Westminster on Friday August 28th at 6.30 pm.

SPRAGUE - On July 21st 1987, peacefully at the Old Manor Nursing Home, Seaton, Rosemary aged 91 years, of Umborne Farm, Shute, Devon, beloved wife of Denis, and mother of Jeremy. Funeral service at the Exeter and Devon crematorium on Monday July 27th at 2.00pm. Flowers or donations if desired to Muscular Dystrophy at the crematorium or C/O Lloyds bank, Colyton. Enquires S.J. Richards & Son, Tel: Colyton 0297 52333.

TREND - Burke St John. On July 21st, at home, the Rt. Hon. Lord Trend P.C., GCB, CVO, loved husband of Patricia and father of Catharine Rawlinson, Michael and Patrick. Funeral to be held at Westminster Abbey at 11.00am, on Wednesday July 29th for family and close friends. A Memorial Service will be held later. No flowers but gifts in his memory to Sir Michael Sobell House, Churchill Hospital Oxford, OX3 7LJ, where Burke was founder chairman of the Friends. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon 74 Rochester Row, SW1.

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS - On July 21st, peacefully after a short illness Brynmor, aged 81 years. Loving husband of the late Broawen, dearly loved father of Ionis and Antonia, and a loving grandfather to all his grandchildren. Requiem Mass at Church of the Sacred Heart, Cobham on 25th July at 10.00am. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GAMMELL - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Finella Gammell will be held at 3.30pm on Saturday October 24th in Romsey Abbey. Donations in her memory for National Kidney Research may be sent to A.H. Chester, 122 The Hundred, Romsey, Hants.

PRATT - A Memorial Service for James Alexander Lochhead Pratt, who died in the Western Himalaya in June will be held at 12.00 noon on Monday 27th July at The Parish Church of St Peter and St. Paul, Medmenham. (Between Marlow and Henley on A4155).

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SINHA - Manik passed away 23rd July 1986. Greatly missed by his wife and children.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Mary Rose Trust and life member of the Variety Club of Great Britain, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend the film premiere of *Superman IV*, in aid of the trust and the club, at the Leicester Square Theatre at 7.50.

Prince Edward will attend a performance of *The Beggar's Opera* by PATH Productions at the Jeannetta Cochrane Theatre at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, will visit Essex Lifeboat stations at Walton at 11.20; Clacton at 12.10; West Mersea at 1.00; Burnham-on-Crouch at 2.20; and Southend-on-Sea at 3.00.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of Yorkshire County Cricket Club, will open the new cricket school at Headingley, Leeds, at noon; and, as Chancellor, will preside at the student degree ceremony at Leeds University at 2.55.

Princess Alexandra will visit the *House and Garden* magazine/IDDA Decorex Young Designers exhibition and present the awards at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, at 11.00; and will attend the gala night of *Chinese Osterley*, the Fête Champetre being arranged by the National Trust and the Victoria and Albert Museum at Osterley Park, Middlesex, at 7.45.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Coventry Patmore, poet, Woodford, Essex, 1823; Thomas Eakins, painter, Philadelphia, 1844; Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, aviator, Glasgow, 1886; Raymond Chandler, Chicago, 1888.

DEATHS: Domenico Scarlatti, Madrid, 1757; Ulysses Grant, 18th president of the USA 1869-77, New York, 1885; James Maxton, chairman of the Independent Labour Party 1926-31, 1934-39, Largs, 1946; D.W. Griffith, film producer, Hollywood, 1948; Henri-Philippe Pétain, chief of state of the Vichy government 1940-44, Ile d'Yeu, 1951.

Latest wills

Mr Alan Haydock, of Teddington, London, BBC Radio talks and documentary producer, left estate valued at £120,137 net. He left £25,000 and many of his books to his old school, High Storms Grammar (now Comprehensive) School, and left the residue of his estate to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the National Trust and the Cat Protection Society.

Mr Geoffrey Thomas Brooke, of Knocklong, Co Limerick, farmer, left estate in England, Wales and the Republic of Ireland valued at £1,161,260 net.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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SW11

Castled crime

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to his theme. The occasion in question was the wedding of Sue and Ronnie Knight, who *fled England after Knight's* role in the 1983 £7 million gold bullion robbery. The couple joined the blooming community that lead an extradition-free existence on a Spanish strip of land now nicknamed the Costa del Crime.

The Cook team produced a marvellous sketch of fugitive lifestyles on this property developer's dream, although the script at times sounded like a publicity hand-out. There were barbecues, swimming pools, yachts and electronic gates for everybody, with no one overly concerned about the provenance of the cash to pay for these. The likes of Freddie Freeman, Clifford Saxe, John Mason and Alan Brooks have been able to enter Spain as ordinary tourists and are now allowed to live there undisturbed. The only blot on this apparent stopover to paradise was the burly presence of Roger Cook.

Cook showed himself to be a man with a mission. Not just content to reveal how the crooked half live, he was there to provoke them into physical attack. Although this demonstrated a doorstepping technique that must be the envy of many of our finest tabloid reporters, his persistence did not ultimately pay.

The battering he got from fists, beer-glasses and that trusty British weapon, the umbrella, only produced repetitious denials, while the more interesting observations of the programme emerged from violence-free interviews with the various authorities and fringe members of this community.

Alexandra Shulman

Songs without an end

THEATRE

Follies
Shaftesbury

Achieving esteem, if not profit, on Broadway 16 years ago, Stephen Sondheim's musical now reaches the West End – cast, designed and, above all, dressed to make its belated big killing. If success depended solely on that and the music, its fate would not be in doubt.

Two meanings are contained in the title, which evokes the age of Ziegfeld and the derangement of spectators who fell for members of his troupe. To these a third folly may be added: that of believing, after some 20 rewrites for the original show, that it would be possible to patch up the book for London.

Against the background of a 30-year reunion party for the Weismann girls, the show focuses on two couples who briefly recapture their dreams and rivalries after trudging through the intervening marital waste-land. Sally, stuck with her roly-poly Arizona salesman, reverts to trembling youth when her eyes fall once again on the still elegant Ben, who paired off with her best friend, Phyllis. For a moment, Ben responds and it seems that the partners will be getting a second chance. But no; middle-aged compromise intervenes, and the party breaks up in disenchantment and a return to the old domestic treadmill.

It is not much of a story, and whatever possibilities it may have are thoroughly scuppered by James Goldman's book. The party is presented in a brain-fatigued blend of lifeless small-talk, bitching and dreadful gags ("A light collation", announces the host – prompting the quip "Better light than never"). Conversation between the principals sounds as if it had come out of a romantic B-movie of the period; and, having equipped the two couples with ghostly replicas of their younger selves, Mr Goldman then breaks the convention by allowing the characters to converse with their memory-figures: a tricky theatrical technique which he proves unable to handle.

What remains is a wonderful idea for a show which has failed to grow into a story. And there remains a total split between the dialogue, which belongs to the generalized world of middlebrow entertainment, and Sondheim's lyrics which, besides their fiendish metrical ingenuity, are packed with precise references to the real America of the WPA, Hoover, the Dionne babies and the wifely chore of serving dinner to elderly men from the UN.

Follies, famously, is Sondheim's *tribute to his own* musical youth, in pastiche evocations of Irving Berlin, Mistinguette, Sigmund Romberg and – in "Losing My Mind" – as plangent a torch-song as Jerome Kern ever wrote. Side by side with those showbiz memories there are his own barbed private-relationship songs. Sondheim may have been underrated as a melodist, but what I most carry away from this score is the memory of songs like "*Country House*" and the Ravel-like waltz "Could I Leave You?", in which a single motif is stretched out to infinity to carry a lyric that combines the freedom of conversation with the tightest verse discipline. There is also one heroic number, "I'm Still Here", which stands by itself: Dolores Gray brought the house down with it on Tuesday, although her character had virtually no existence elsewhere in the show.

Mike Ockrent's production is at its best when working in concert with Maria Bjornson's inexhaustible scenic transformations. Walkways materialize out of thin air; a huge illuminated turntable sprouts centre-stage, where the exiles from paradise hide their faces while a silvery chorus sends up a hymn to love and marriage in the likeness of an ambulatory waterfall. The production is not so hot in showing a believable party or in handling conversational exchanges. But this hardly matters in the second half, which consists of a Follies show, enacting the plight of the principals in terms of vaudeville routines.

Diana Rigg, a decidedly haughty outsider among the bulging old troupers, finally gets things together in a mischievously decorous strip routine; and Julia McKenzie, as the torch-carrying Sally, single-handedly lifts the production into zones of heartbreak and volcanic comedy unapproached elsewhere. The men come second; but Daniel Massey and David Healy earn their places among the fractured glamour.

Irving Wardle

Donald Cooper



Recapturing dreams and rivalries: Julia McKenzie (left), Daniel Massey, Diana Rigg and David Healy, with the ladies' ghostly younger selves looking down in amusement

Dee Conway



Le Corsair: Alexander Monakhov and Galina Stepanyenko

DANCE

Bolshoi Academy
Coliseum

You have to remember, when judging the company which opened at the Coliseum on Tuesday, that it is not the Bolshoi Ballet. The dancers are senior students or recent graduates of the Bolshoi school, their ages said to range from 16 to 23. What everyone hopes to find in this context is the stars of the future.

The outstanding member of the present group is Galina Stepanyenko, whose praises were sung by the school's director, Sofia Golovkina, in Tuesday's *Times*. Yes, she does have a brilliant technique, seen to great effect in the *Corsair pas de deux*: very crisp, easily secure fouettés, quick light jumps and an attractive personality. She will need, however, to do something about a tendency to pull her shoulders rather high if she is to make the most of her gifts; and as Odette in the lakeside scene from *Swan Lake* she looked highly accomplished but not particularly moving.

At 20, Stepanyenko is already a leading dancer, not at the Bolshoi but with the Moscow Classical Ballet. Her two partners are both at the Bolshoi. Alexei Malykhin is a handsome, quietly helpful, not very assertive Siegfried. Alexander Monakhov, whose Mary Pickford curls contrast curiously with somewhat rough-hewn features, supports her strongly in *Corsair* but his solos do not show any exceptional virtuosity unless perhaps some fast final pirouettes.

It may be that there are some secret reserves of talent hidden away for later. Yelena Borisova, for instance, whose photographs are featured in the programme book, danced only small parts in the ensemble. Already one can foresee career possibilities for some of her colleagues. Yulia Chicheva's vivacity in the Sabre Dance, and her ability to kick the back of her head while whizzing through the air, should commend her for the wicked ladies in Grigorovich's ballets. Anastasia Nabokina, a pert little *jolie laide* who plays a doll in *Coppelia*, may well find herself cast for the title role in *The Nutcracker*. Nadezhda Grachova, pretty but tiny, showed a pleasantly rounded build and manner as Swanilda, but lack of leg-length will limit her classical roles.

Two lively lads, Igor Berezhnoy and Andrei Ilyin, had a jolly duet based on Russian folk-dancing. Several other young men looked promising, and Sergei Filin demonstrated a light jump in a character dance, but there was no really dazzling male dancing. Denis Sitnikov's buoyant stamina as Franz came nearest to that.

How would a comparable group from the Royal Ballet School compare? Rather well, I think. One number offers direct comparison. Svetlana Filippova and Alexander Petukhov give a very decent account of the *Bluebird* duet, but she does not match Miyako Yoshida's clean, fluent finish in her graduation *performance in that role, nor* does Petukhov excel the similarly chunky Errol Pickford.

John Percival

Made in Spain
New End

Costa del Crime – see Alexandra Shulman on last night's television – on the next flight with nothing but the clothes on their backs and orders to await instructions.

Part sitcom, part personality clash, Tony Grounds's play is not that strong on either plot or character, but has a lot of blackly comic moments, some hilarious one-liners and a hard-working cast. Julie T. Wallace (of *She Devil* fame) crackles with spite and cynicism as Estelle, the prostitute who married for money – sheer energy compensates for some lapses in timing.

Her clash with Roz Clifton's neurotic Hampstead housewife Jacqui is reflected in the "murder" of Jacqui's kitten by an ill-placed stiletto heel through its head; Estelle mourns the loss of her shoe. Between them stand Amanda Drewry's endearingly dumb scouse Rosy, and enigmatic Tolla, the short straw drawn by Faith Tingle.

Grounds draws the quartet of contrasting characters like cartoons, two-dimensional and primary-coloured but recognizable and funny. But Jacqui's final vision of the way forward hardly fulfils the attempted apocalyptic ending.

Lucy Page

This is the night of the big deal, the one that is going to make them all rich. It is so big that even the wives are included in the celebration dinner, though they have never met before. With nothing in common but their husbands' illegal activities, the female foursome come to realize what the audience has known all along – the men are not going to show.

The deal, it would seem, has gone awry and a phone call from the solicitor has them scurrying off to the

As everyone must know by now, the Proms are about dance this year, and the London Sinfonietta duly complied with that brief here. Their concert, however, also had two conspicuous subthemes. There was the all-important message about the general excellence of contemporary British music, and there was also, surely, the subject of dreams.

The most obvious reference to them in a title was in Gordon Crosse's *Dreamsongs*, Op 43, which, in recalling fragments and atmospheres created by Benjamin Britten, also honours his memory. Crosse shows poetically the power of dreams to idealize, painting a complex, nostalgic picture that nevertheless steers well clear of parody, matching the work of the master only in its fluency of expression and its exploitation of the simplest device – here an interval of a fifth – to magical effect.

Harrison Birtwistle's *Carmen Arcadiae Mechanicae Perpetuum*, composed for the *Sinfonietta in 1978*, is, like most mature Birtwistle, about the distortion of time. A dream that lasts a few seconds can seem to encompass an eternity or, conversely, one that lasts all night seems to take only a fleeting moment. And Birtwistle's musical machines, his equivalent to Ligeti's "clocks and clouds", do not themselves slow down or speed up. What changes is our conception of the time in which they operate.

The only work in the concert *that did not contain* dreamlike implications was Colin Matthews's *Suns Dance*, completed in 1985. Here the composer reacts to a vibrant Dionysian impulse, the layers of his music ebbing and flowing, concealing and revealing different levels of activity, from the complex to the simple. Sometimes the activity amounts to a kind of stasis, very much the effect intended though rarely achieved by minimalist techniques.

In Oliver Knussen's "Songs and a Sea Interlude" and "The Wild Rumpus", both from the opera *Where the Wild Things Are* and extracted for the sake of concert-hall convenience, the subject is the power of dreams to turn fantasy into (apparent) reality. Virtuosic though the writing is, I am not sure if the bleeding-chunk philosophy works for this piece, nor for Steuart Bedford's suite arranged from the music of Britten's *Death in Venice*. The sailor-suited Rosemary Hardy sang the Knussen well enough, however, and the composer conducted his own music, and the rest of a beautifully executed concert, with his usual bubbling enthusiasm. Does he get any time to compose these days, I wonder?

Stephen Pettitt

PROMENADE CONCERT

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Albert Hall/Radio 3

Classic craft revived

Jean de Florette offers the practically forgotten exhilaration and satisfaction of a classic, superbly-crafted narrative film. It also recalls the great tradition of French rural epic that goes back to André Antoine's *La Terre* and includes the Provençal films of Marcel Pagnol. *Jean de Florette* is in fact directly inspired by Pagnol.

In 1952 the film-maker-*cum*-novelist wrote and directed what was to prove his penultimate film, *Manon des sources*. The script was based on a story he had heard in his childhood, about a young countrywoman obsessed with *her duty to avenge the death of* her father. The film ran some five hours, but to Pagnol's chagrin it was only released in a drastically cut version. His riposte was to extend the material into a diptych of novels which in the subsequent quarter-century have themselves become literary classics. The original story of *Manon des sources* provides the second volume; the first expands the story of the injustices previously suffered by Manon's father, Jean de Florette.

The novels have been re-adapted to the screen by the veteran scenarist Gérard Brach, and directed by Claude Berri, none of whose previous films even hints at the huge talent displayed in *Jean de Florette*. With a budget of $17 million, the diptych is the most costly film ever made in France.

Jean de Florette is an epic tale of good and evil, greed, envy and revenge. The patriarch of the Soubeyran clan (Yves Montand) covets a certain estate for his nephew (Daniel Auteuil). The two of them dispose of the owner by manslaughter, but are frustrated when his heir, Jean de Florette (Gérard Depardieu), a humpbacked tax collector, decides to take possession in order to escape from the city to an idyllic rural life.

The Soubeyrans block up the spring that irrigates his land, and sadistically watch the subsequent ruin and death of Jean. The rest of the community look on indifferently; their natural hostility to outsiders is heightened by resentment of Jean's rational farming methods, learnt from books and manuals, and alien to the dubious traditional wisdom of the ancestors.

The tale is simple, but compelling in the telling. Berri relates in meticulous, fascinating detail the life of the countryside, the changing seasons, Jean's ambitions and experiments, the mean, ingenious villainy of the Soubeyrans. Bruno Nuytten's photography captures the splendour and the threat of the Provençal landscape.

The stars wholly subsume themselves to their roles. Depardieu as the kindly, trusting humpback is the personification of innocence. Montand and Auteuil, both authentic Provençals, are fox and weasel, forever nosing around, separately or together, plotting their next mischief.

The supporting cast, many of them recruited from around the villages where the film was shot, are as authentic as any in Pagnol's own films. Ernestine Mazurowna, as Manon, is a marvellous, practically speechless child, whose terrible moment of discovery in the last stages of the film prepares the way for the forthcoming second part, in which the grown-up Manon is taken over by Emmanuelle Béart.

It would be very surprising if Ronald Bass, who wrote the screenplay of **Black Widow**, were not a keen admirer of Cornell Woolrich, the master of the thriller whose novels and stories have inspired over 80 films and televison productions. Woolrich was obsessed with lovely *femmes fatales* such as Teresa Russell plays here; and indeed the story is remarkably like Woolrich's first and most famous thriller, *The Bride Wore Black* (written under the pseudonym of William Irish). There too a beautiful young woman marries and murders a series of men, each time transforming her appearance and personality to suit the seduction.

Woolrich also enjoyed stories involving identification between hunter and hunted. Here a researcher in the Justice Department (Debra Winger) becomes obsessed with the murderess, whose kilings are so perfect that the department overlooks them. The researcher, dowdy and sexually self-denying, finds herself falling under the spell of the woman whose elegance and sexual success are so far from her own experience. The attraction becomes a virtual love-affair, and the jealousies are intriguingly elaborated when both women become *rivals for the man (Sami Frey)* marked out as the next murder victim.

It must be admitted that the script has also in common with Woolrich a carelessness about narrative probability: there are big jumps of investigative logic and the procedures of the Justice Department seriously test credulity. But credibility is not always necessary to the *film noir*; it is a kind of goblin world of evil and menace, which Bob Rafelson manages to evoke and manipulate very effectively.

Winger and Russell prove an admirable teaming of contrasts. Winger has an attractive gameness only enhanced by her affected sloppy look. Russell's iceberg blonde beauty always hints at something festering within; and her off-guard moments of violent anger are highly sinister.

Gus Van Sant's **Mala Noche** is a remarkable achievement for a film that cost only $25,000 – an intricate study of mutual exploitation, set in a slum area of Portland, Oregon. The protagonist, a tattered young storekeeper, falls hopelessly for a young Mexican illegal immigrant; and lackadaisically teases his conscience with the awareness that he is using his economic edge – pathetic as it is – to gain advantage of the boy.

For their part the Mexican and his friends respond by teasing, abusing, bullying, frightening him and generally exploiting his lust. The necessities of penury are made a virtue, and Van Sant uses his grainy 16mm images with Expressionist flair to convey a vivid sense of atmosphere. The Mexicans, surviving in fugitive poverty and constant fear of arrest, are depicted as fierce and timid as alley-cats.

David Robinson

CINEMA

Jean de Florette (PG)
Curzon Mayfair

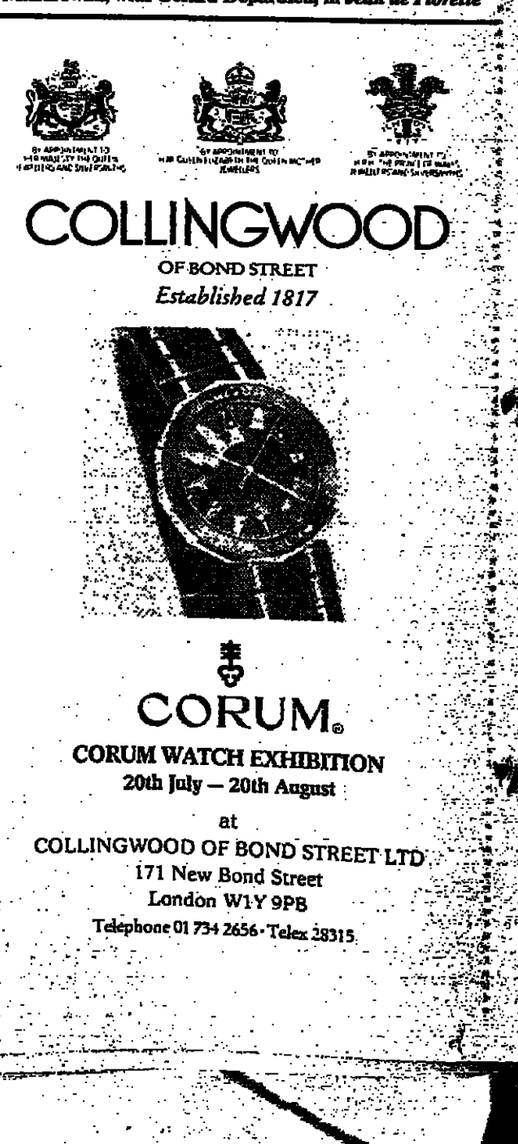
Black Widow (15)
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Mala Noche (18)
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The marvellous, practically speechless Manon of Ernestine Mazurowna, with Gerard Depardieu, in *Jean de Florette*





Sense about sensibility

Peter Ackroyd discovers the invisible genius behind all the sociable, public Jameses spinning his novels, caught in a web of words



Glynn Boyd Harte

HENRY JAMES
A Life
By Leon Edel
Collins, £25.00

Henry James, in this revised biography, still walks abroad. In life he was unmistakeable — grave, polite, imperturbable — and in death he is equally so. To read any page of his writing is instantly to recognize the author; his words seem to spread out, like expanding circles in water when the stone that set them moving has sunk below the surface. And in that sense his life resembled his words: in Leon Edel's remarkable account, we see it as a continuous movement through an unresisting medium. It is in fact easy to be overwhelmed by the waves of his diurnal existence — the tea parties, the weekends, the dinners, the salons, the friendships — without seeing that shipwrecked thing, which lies beneath them shuddering, and which is at the centre of James's art.

His career is in many ways archetypal since he was the first thoroughly Europeanized American; it is impossible to understand Eliot or Pound, or even Stein, without first comprehending James. He never seems really to have been at ease either with his New York family or with its somewhat ineffectual intellectualism, and from his adolescent years we see him escaping, as it were, across the Atlantic — to an atmosphere where he could take deeper and longer breaths. In that sense the plot of his life is a simple one — the shy and isolated Victorian childhood (he was born in 1843), the apparently inevitable sojourn at Harvard, the solitary study of the novel as if in instinctive preparation for his fate, the move to England, the early uncertainties of this transplantation, and then the growing mastery both of his medium and of his adopted country. By his middle years he had become "the Master", despite his disastrous excursions into the theatre, and by the time he became ensconced in Lamb House, Rye, he had become in his own quintessentially Jamesian words "a strange great phenomenon".

The essential point is that nothing much ever happened to him. But it was precisely this quietness and inactivity that turned him into a great artist. He populated his life with the stories and "scenarios" and characters which he picked up from dinner-table gossip, just as his prose encompassed the world like a rare gas which eventually fills the largest room. Words were somehow both source and cause of his consolation, the mouth forming them (he dictated all of his later novels to an amanuensis) and at the same time drinking them in; it is the infantilism of genius. So Edel's wonderful study emphasizes the strange ambiguity of the man — massive and polite, yet at the same time fugitive and evanescent. James's solitude and privacy were such that, for all his public engagements, he seemed to carry around with him everywhere the secret of his invisibility.

He could not have a better biographer, and the exponent of acute psychological realism has here found an interpreter who has been able to define the intricate network of James's social alliances as well as the even more fragile texture of his psychological impulses and stirrings. Edel suggests why it was, for example, that James admired older women while remaining apprehensive of younger ones; he also manages delicately to document the central experience of James's life — his relationship with his brother, William, whose *Varieties of Religious Experience* did not encompass the fraught epiphanies which are so tentatively explored in Henry's fictions.

Yet it is in a different sense that James haunts this book — he actually seems to inhabit Edel's style, so that an image of the man is created in the very texture of his writing. The psychological finesse, the elegance, and the decorous disavowal of the physical are as much a part of this biography as they were of its subject. The life itself may have been shortened on this occasion — Edel's original biography comprised five volumes and was published over a period of some 20 years — but it has not been changed. And although for this revision Edel declares that he has been less constrained in sexual matters, there is still the same reticence, the same exorcism of the *felt*. The closest we come (or need to come) to any understanding of James's sexual life lies in the picture of him surrounded by young male hierophants, and in the description of him listening to the homosexual gossip of Hugh Walpole — James himself amused, amusing, but nevertheless unfathomable, encased in an air of literary sanctity.

However, *Henry James: A Life* provides revelations of a different kind, and what emerges from it most fully is the image of the serious and self-communing artist.

In his life (as in his novels) he had an extraordinary ability to notate his own moods as if they were passages of music in which he could discern every quaver and semi-quaver. And one feels, too, that the self-control he exercised was only another aspect of that persistent attention to his own destiny.

He died as he had lived — when he suffered a stroke he heard a voice not his own saying, "So here it is at last, the distinguished thing". And, later, he consulted a thesaurus to locate the exact word for his condition — "paralytic" was not precise enough. But then he wandered. He carried on dictating as if he were still weaving fictions upon his deathbed, but the magisterial link with his words had gone. They spun out from the abyss into which he was slowly sinking, the last remnant of that miraculous sensibility which in an essay he once described as "a kind of huge spider-web of the finest silken threads suspended in the chamber of consciousness, catching every air-borne particle in its tissue". A further miracle resides in the fact that Leon Edel has been able both to trace and to preserve that shimmering web within a study which, even at a much shorter length, must still qualify as one of the most formidable literary biographies of the 20th century.

Master saga of Orkney

FICTION

Peter Tinniswood

THE GOLDEN BIRD
By George Mackay Brown
John Murray, £10.95

Sometimes there is magic in the air.

You open the covers of a book, and it comes tumbling out and beguiles you, enchants you, and overwhelms you.

So it is with George Mackay Brown's *The Golden Bird*.

It consists of two long short stories, both set in the Orkneys. The bare bones are this — one is the history of an isolated island community struggling for survival against the elements and the crueller, more daunting and bewildering advances of the dawning days of the 20th century. The other is an account of the life of John Doe, who travels the world sailing in the great whalers and seeking his fortune panning for gold, and then returns to the Orkneys to marry and battle with the unrelenting hardships of running a small croft.

It sounds simple. It is. And that is its magic. For like the great sagas of the Northlands these stories take the stark and basic realities of the human existence —the constant fight for survival — and upon them build a structure of infinite subtlety, power and vigour, tenderness and beauty.

If these are old-fashioned virtues, then three mighty cheers that they still survive and flourish.

In a sense Mr Mackay Brown is like one of his isolated farmsteads in the far north, only he is fighting the onslaught of new literary fashions which threaten to erode the old values.

Story-telling is becoming a dying art. Style and elegance are sacrificed to slickness. George Mackay Brown has none of this. He is true and steadfast.

If an aspiring writer came to me and asked how to tell a story, plot a book, round a character, make dialogue sing and whisper and bellow, I would say: "Read George Mackay Brown."

'They perch more lightly on the globe than the rest'

Geoffrey Moorhouse

THE FRONTIERS OF PARADISE **By Peter Levi**
Collins Harvill, £12

It was a reasonable bet that Peter Levi would one day write a book about the religious life; and I've always hoped that it might take the form of describing analytically the Society of Jesus. Given his experience and his talent, there would have been a classic to render superfluous any other essay with that theme. As it is, I think his nerve may have failed him in some way, and he has gone for the whole rambling phenomenon, producing a crowded miniature instead of a great portrait in oils.

"A study of monks and monasteries" is the subtitle; and though a pedant might reject it on purely technical grounds, it will serve for what Professor Levi has here tried to present. This is nothing less than a general survey of monks, nuns, and kindred peculiars (as in royal) not only throughout Christendom but in other faiths as well. The hazard is obvious: Christendom alone is a big enough topic to be confined to 224 pages. But at least he knows Christendom as well as any man can: he is less reliable when he contemplates other parts of the religious world. "Indian monasticism" is a meaningless phrase of the sort that has always been liable to make Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, Muslims, and Parsees (not to mention Bede Griffiths) throw up their hands in despair at the inability of the Western mind to grasp the intricacies of that blessed land.

There is more history than anything else, covering a great deal of ground without ever lingering in one place for too long. It is noted, numbingly, that in 1350 the Black Death wiped out half the monks in England; and only three pages later it is disclosed that although there are thousands of priceless manuscripts on the holy peninsula of Athos, there would have been a lot more if the Turks hadn't used some of those parchments for cartridge waddings during the Greek war of independence. Benedictinism looms large, as it was bound to.

If there are times when *The Frontiers of Paradise* reads like a fine précis of Dom David Knowles, there are also moments of delightful observation that could only have resulted from long service and good conduct in the ranks — "If a novice realized that the vocation of a young monk is to become an old one, I think he would be terrified . . . Old monks are wild as well as simple. They perch more lightly on the globe than the rest of us." We learn that the Jesuits have an ancient arrangement with the Carthusians, enabling any one of them to join a Charterhouse whenever he wishes, without even asking anyone's permission; and this is one of the rare occasions when we are admitted to some intimacy with Peter Levi's earlier profession.

He really ought to write that book about the Js!

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

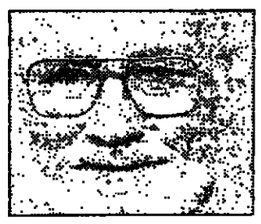
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Poems packing punch

POETRY

Robert Nye

FUNERAL GAMES AND OTHER POEMS
By Vernon Scannell
Robson Books, £6.95


Tough but tender poet

T.S. Eliot, after study at the Sorbonne and a doctorate in philosophy, took boxing lessons at a Boston gym with an ex-professional he called Apeneck Sweeney. John Clare, at the other end of his life, extolled the merits of "Boxer Byron/made of iron" and was fond of identifying himself with great prize-fighters of the barefist days.

Apart from this, the English poets have not much interested themselves in pugilism — with the exception, that is, of the contemporary poet Vernon Scannell, who was a schoolboy champion, boxed briefly as a professional while on the run from the Army, and once even travelled with a fairground boxing booth, taking dives when he was told to.

The fisticuffs might put some people off, but this would be a pity since Scannell is no Roy Campbell, no swaggering enlarger of his own abilities, or boaster about his toughness. Now 65, and somewhat undervalued, he feels no need to prove his manliness by shouting of past bouts and knockouts, and he emerges from his latest collection the more genuinely masculine for that — with a puzzled but embattled tenderness, too, which is very much a warrior grace. Individual poems and lines do not so much linger in the mind as a pervasive seriousness of purpose. Scannell is a poet whose work reads best in bulk, because he does not go in for the smart remark or the reticent moment of breathlessness, but gives his energies downright to the pursuit of something beyond or behind the stanzas.

That seriousness he has himself defined as a "sense of danger", but his finer poems occur at the point where examples of it — mostly drawn from the war between the sexes — rub against a peculiar moral didacticism. The result has a texture all its own, coarse-grained yet sensitive to small domestic hurts, a poetry that celebrates ordinariness without becoming banal:

Human couples fight — no question there —
But not like cat and dog, nor like I'd say,
Any pair of beasts. When couples rise
To slug it out their rage does not diminish
Though they might smile.
You see in those cold eyes
That this fight has no rules, is to the finish.

"Celebrates", though, is perhaps too strong a verb. When Scannell aspires to the lyrical he makes a noise like a Georgian anthology *(The Sunlight is fresh poured, liquescent gold)*. He is best when he just accepts, without irony or compassion or any other fashionable footwork, the blows of experience which have made him a poet. The poetry is in the bruises.

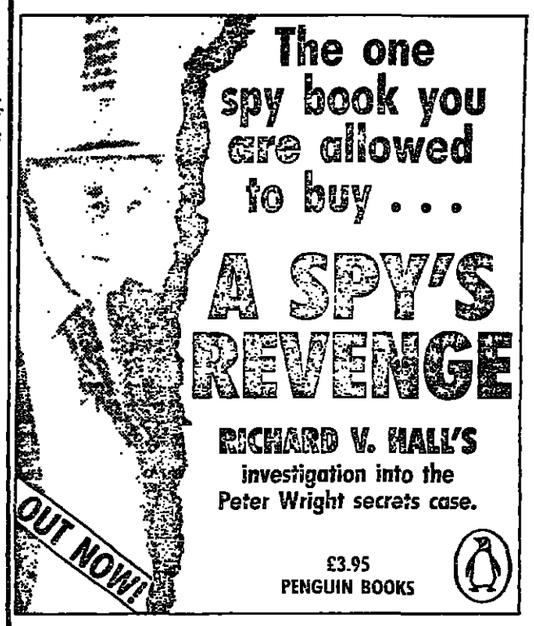
● Gavin Ewart, at 70, is also an old bruiser, his style and subject matter well-established, and there are few surprises in his **Late Pickings** *(Hutchinson, £5.95)*. Ewart is a witty poet, inclined to let wit shape a poem when inspiration dries up. His more serious poems deal with erotic unease — there is a particularly shrewd one here in which he tells off Auden for saying that making love to women was "too easy":

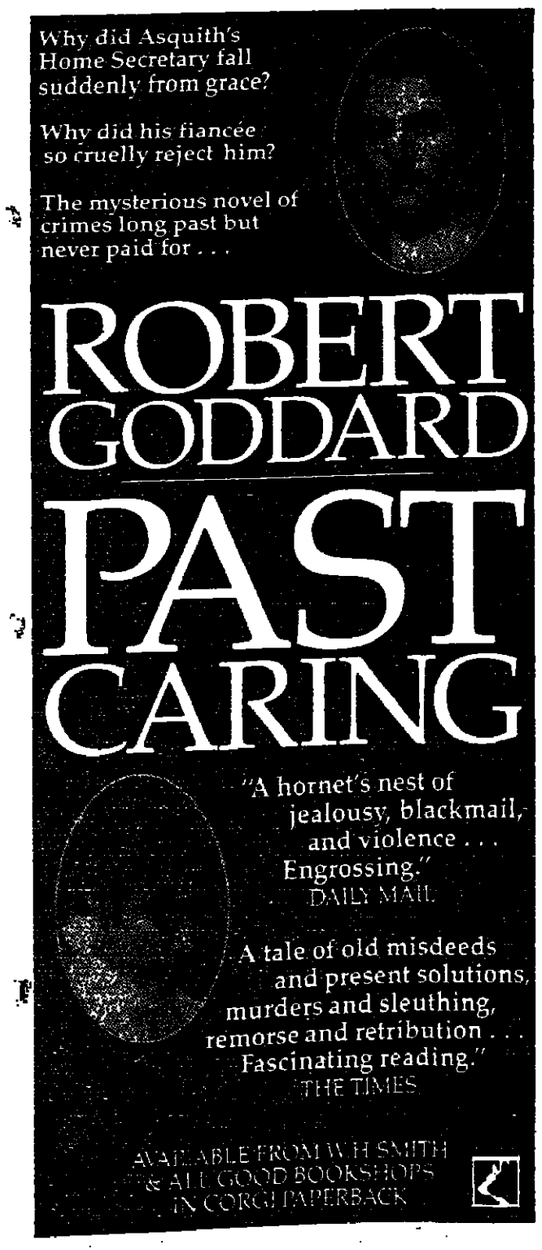
Do lesbians think making love to a man is "too easy"?
I've never heard so. But, with Yeats,
"the fascination of what's difficult"
was a potent factor; and surely all such questions
are fraught with interest.

Some of the parodies and other clowning seem a bit punch-drunk by Ewart's own standards, but he is still our best living poet of erotic rudeness. About sexual suffering he is never wrong . . .

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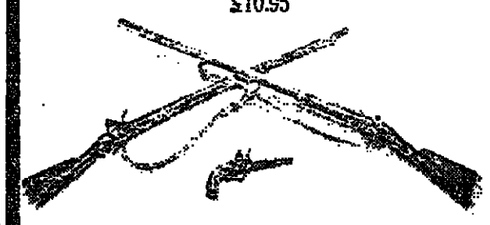
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Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube: Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, £10-£20.

☆ **LET US GO THEN, YOU AND I:** A celebration of the life and poetry of T S Eliot with Eileen Atkins, Edward Fox and Michael Gough. Extended until Aug 1.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10pm, Sat 5.30-10.30pm, mat Sat 3-7pm. £3.50-£11.50.

☆ **MEAN TEARS:** New Peter Gill play about the way lovers live now, set in this year's London
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7.30-9.45pm, £7.

☆ **MELON:** New Simon Gray play stars Alan Bates as a glittering publisher imploding with sexual jealousy
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £4-£14.50.

☆ **MYSTERY OF THE ROSE BOUQUET:** World premiere of a play by Manuel Puig, author of *Kiss of The Spider Woman.* Brenda Bruce and Gemma Jones as strangers who meet in a private clinic in South America.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 5pm, press night Fri 7pm, £5-£9.

☆ **PUBLIC ENEMY:** The promising new Renaissance Theatre Company opens with Kenneth Branagh playing the lead in his own drama about modern gangsters.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, mats Wed 2.30-4.45pm and Sat 4-6.15pm, £5-£10.

☆ **SAMMY CAHN:** American songwriter and entertainer sings and entertains.
Duke Of York's Theatre, *St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836* 5122). Tube: Leicester Square. Tues-Sun 8-10pm, mats Sat and Sun 5-7pm, £7-£12.50.

☆ **SERIOUS MONEY:** Caryl Churchill's searing musical play about the Big Bang transfers after a sell-out run at the Royal Court.
Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-835 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Fri 5-7.30pm and Sat 4-6.30pm, £5-£13.50.

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National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7.15-9.30pm, £6-£13.

☆ **THAT SUMMER:** New David Edgar play set in North Wales where a middle-class English couple's eyes are opened to the realities of the miners' strike.
Hampstead Theatre Club, Avenue Road, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.45pm, £6-£7.

☆ **UP ON THE ROOF:** Three steps down Memory Lane, 1975, 1980, 1985, as five students learn the ups, downs and cop-outs of adult life. Clever performances.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-11.15pm, mats Fri and Sat 5-7.45pm, £4-£12.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171. . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . ☆ **No Sex Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243). . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

NEWBURY: ☆ **The Winter's Tale:** The Bohemian scenes are played in the gardens beside the river, the audience sitting on hay bales. *Last week.*
Watermill Theatre, Bagnor, Newbury (0635 46044). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £3.50-£7.95.

NOTTINGHAM: ☆ **To Kill a Mockingbird:** Dramatization of Harper Lee's Deep South novel, currently a set book.
Playhouse Theatre, East Circus Street (0602 419419). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3-£6.

SCARBOROUGH: ☆ **Getting On:** Revival of Alan Bennett's shrewd and award-winning comedy of the Seventies.
Stephen Joseph Theatre in The Round, Scarborough (0723 370541). Mon-Sat 8-10.45pm, £4.50.

STRATFORD: ☆ **The Merchant of Venice:** Bill Alexander's new production with Antony Sher as *Shylock and Deborah Findlay as* Portia.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Tonight 7.30-10pm, £5-*£15.50*

STRATFORD: ☆ **Titus Andronicus:** aka People Pie, Shakespeare's bloodiest play: Elizabethan audiences loved it. With Brian Cox in fine voice.
Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Tonight 7.30pm, £7.50-£13.





When Marie Lloyd (above, left) died at the early age of 52, the taps on the bars in Leicester Square were draped in black and 100,000 people lined the route of her funeral. In a tribute from an unlikely source, T.S. Eliot called her "the greatest music-hall artist of her time and also the most popular". She was a small, dumpy woman with protruding teeth and it is difficult to appreciate her quality from scratchy recordings and fragments of silent film. She thrived on the challenge of a live audience. She was an unexceptional singer but an outstanding actress who could speak volumes with a nod or a wink. It was a talent that enabled her to subvert the most innocent lyrics; and it won her the distinction of being banned from the first Royal Command Performance. In a new one-woman show, *Marie — The Story of Marie Lloyd,* she is played by Elizabeth Mansfield (above, right), who has taken leading parts in several musicals, including the original West End production of *Godspell.* Steve Trafford, who wrote the show, writes regularly for the TV soap opera, *Emmerdale Farm. Marie* opens today at the City Varieties, Leeds (0532 430808) and runs until Saturday. Performances 7.30pm, tickets £2.50-£4. It then goes on tour in the North of England before opening at Edinburgh Festival on August 10.
Peter Waymark

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
℗ **Advance booking possible**

AN AMERICAN TAIL (U): The adventures of an immigrant mouse in New York, relayed in sturdy, old-fashioned animation by former Disney artist Don Bluth (81 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). *Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.00.*
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.15, 9.00.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.15, 2.55, 4.50, 6.45, 8.40.
℗ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). *Progs 1.00,* 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

■ **84 CHARING CROSS ROAD (U):** Transatlantic romance between *Helene Hanff (Anne Bancroft),* book-crazed New Yorker, and a rehring London antiquarian bookseller (Anthony Hopkins). David Jones directs (99 min).
℗ **Curzon Mayfair** (01-499 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

EVIL DEAD II (18): A revised edition of the original film, in which demons attack all who cross the threshold of a remote cabin. With Bruce Campbell and Sarah Berry, directed by Sam Raimi (84 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 3.05, 5.00, 6.55, 8.50.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.45, 8.50.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.30, 8.45.

A GREAT WALL (PG): Engaging look at clashing life styles, with director Peter Wang as the Chinese-American computer executive visiting Peking with his family (102 min).
℗ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.20.

■ **THE MORNING AFTER (15):** Unlikely thriller from Sidney Lumet, with Jane Fonda running away from a dead body into the arms of *redneck Jeff Bridges (104 min).*
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.35, 5.50, 8.45.
℗ **Cannon Panton Street** (01-930 0631). Progs 2.20, 4.55, 7.25, 9.55.

■ **THE NAME OF THE ROSE (18):** Simplified edition of Umberto Eco's medieval murder mystery, filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere and a grotesque carnival of characters. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud: with Sean Connery (131 min).
℗ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.30, 8.15.

■ **PERSONAL SERVICES (18):** Terry Jones's outrageous comedy, inspired by the life of Cynthia *Payne, stars Julie Walters as the* London madam (105 min).

℗ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 *2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00,* 6.00, 9.00.
℗ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

■ **PLATOON (15):** Oliver Stone's intense anti-war drama which scooped four Oscars. With Willem Defoe and Tom Berenger as sergeants at loggerheads in *Vietnam (120 min).*
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.20, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.00, 3.05, 5.35, 8.05.
Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 4.45, 7.00, 9.15.

SOMETHING WILD (18): An insatiable lady takes a yuppie for a joyride, then her ex-con husband intervenes. Jonathan Demme's off-beat thriller bulges with good things and trendy music, but needs a pair of scissors. With Jeff Daniels, Melanie Griffith and Ray Liotta (113 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.05, 8.25.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.10, 5.20, 8.05.
℗ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 12.40, 3.15, 5.55, 8.35.

THE WHISTLE BLOWER (PG): *Timely British thriller set in the* murky maze of Britain's security services. Based on John Hale's novel; with Michael Caine as the father of a GCHQ employee *surrounded by paranoia and* mysterious deaths. Simon Langton directs; with Nigel Havers and James Fox (104 min).
℗ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 *6644). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.35.*

DANCE

☆ **POINTS IN SPACE:** Merce Cunningham's London season opens with British premieres of this and *Grange Eve,* plus *Pictures,* the biggest hit of their last time here.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Roseberry Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£10.50.

☆ **PAQUITA:** The famous classical *showpiece from Petipa's Ballet* plus extracts from *La Fille mal gardee* and eight short display pieces make up tonight's programme by advanced students and *recent graduates of the Bolshoi* Ballet School.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). 7.30-10pm, £5-£22.50.

☆ **GISELLE:** Galina Samsova's traditional production for London City Ballet.
Mercury Theatre, Balkerne Gate, Colchester (0206 573948). 8-10pm, £3.50-£6.

☆ **AMERICAN SUITE:** Final *showings of extemporary dance* theatre's stimulating programme by Viola Farber and David Gordon.
Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Barbican, London EC2 (01-236 2801). *7.30-9.30pm, £5.*

OPERA

☆ **BUXTON DOUBLE-BILL:** The festival's first operatic event for this year is a double bill of Rossini's *L'occasione fa il ladro* and Donizetti's *Il Pigmalione,* the latter in its British première. Malcolm *Fraser directs and Anthony Hose* conducts.
Opera House, Buxton, Derbyshire(0298 71010). 7.45-10.15pm, £6-£20.

★ **CAPRICCIO:** An opera which fits Glyndebourne snugly: John Cox's production of the Richard Strauss opera is revived happily with Bernard Haitink conducting and a cast including Felicity Lott and Olaf Baer.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111). 5.50-9.45pm, £25-£50.

☆ **MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** Pavilion Opera take their piano-accompanied production to Newmarket, with Helen Kucharek *as Susanna and George Mosley as* Count Almaviva. All proceeds to the National Trust.
Tattersall's Sales Ring, Newmarket, Cambs (0263 733471). 7.30-10.15pm, £5-£15.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **FROM HIS LIFE:** The Roth Quartet plays Smetana's Quartet No 1 "From My Life" and Mendelssohn's Quartet Op 44 No 1.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). 1.05-2pm, £1.50.

EVENING

☆ **DOHNANYI/BBC SO:** Christoph von Dohnanyi conducts the BBC SO in Brahms's Symphony No 1, Richard Strauss's *Burleske* (Martin Roscoe, piano) and the UK premiere of Zemlinsky's symphonic poem *Die Seejungfrau.*
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-589 9465). 7.30pm, promenade - gallery £1.50, arena £2, seats £3-£9.

★ **NEIL KINNOCK AT THE WELSH PROMS:** See caption.
St Davids Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236). 7.30pm, £2-£11.

☆ **KATHRYN STOTT:** This pianist's *ambitious programme includes* Liszt's and Berg's Sonatas, Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata Op 57, pieces by Debussy, Ravel and Fauré.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **RECENT BRITISH:** Catherine Nardiello performs mainly recent British piano works including Antoinette Kirkwood's Intermezzos, Anthony Hedges's Four Pieces, Ernest Baker's Night Theme, also a Sonata by Bernard Stevens.
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567). 7.30pm, free.

☆ **ALL TCHAIKOVSKY:** The London Concert Orchestra is conducted by Fraser Goulding in Tchaikovsky's *Marche Slave, Swan Lake* and *Nutcracker* Suites, *1812* Overture: in Piano Concerto No 1 the soloist is Malcolm Binns.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). 7.45-9.45pm, £5.50-£12.50.



Neil Kinnock (above) puts aside politics for the trumpet during a performance of Leopold Mozart's "Toy Symphony" at the Welsh Proms in Cardiff (see listing). Other celebrity contributions come from Doug Mountjoy (triangle), Max Boyce (drums), Cliff Morgan (rattle) and Aled Jones as a cuckoo. Conducted by Owain Arwel Hughes, the concert includes the Festival Overture by Shostakovich, Poulenc's *Barbar the Elephant* and the *Sorcerer's Apprentice* by Paul Dukas.

ROCK

☆ **LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO:** The South African a cappella harmony group, led by Joseph Shabalala, that backed Paul Simon on his *Graceland* album and tour. Support is The Real Sounds from Zimbabwe, a 12-strong troupe that is a visual and musical treat.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081). 7.30pm, £5.50-£7.50.

☆ **WES MCGHEE:** The former London pub-rocker who "went native" in Austin, Texas and who returns from time to time with a rootsy mixture of country, polkas, hillbilly and rock.
Half Moon Putney, 93 Lower Richmond Road, London SW15 (01-788 2387), 8pm, £3-£3.50.

☆ **GENO WASHINGTON & THE RAM JAM STARS:** Probably better known as the subject of Dexys Midnight Runners' No 1 "Geno" than he is for his run of modest hits in the Sixties, Washington now maintains a heavy work schedule on the club and cabaret circuit.
Hippo's, 45 Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham (0602 506667), 9.30pm, £5-£6.50.

JAZZ

☆ **WYNTON MARSALIS:** Past the infant-prodigy stage, this brilliant trumpeter is producing music of astonishing sophistication and maturity. Courtney Pine, billed as the great young hope of British jazz, opens the concerts. Tickets available for the early show only.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 6.30pm and 9pm, £6-£12.50.

☆ **RUBY BRAFF:** Braff's cornet, unmatched in lyrical beauty, shares the front line of a quintet with Scott Hamilton's enthusiastically virtuosic tenor saxophone.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, £8.50.

☆ **RANDY BRECKER:** Ubiquitous American trumpeter, whose range runs from hard bop to hard funk, leads a quintet featuring the *saxophonist Bennie Wallace and* the ex-Weather Report drummer Peter Erskine.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), *9.30pm, £8 (£2 members).*

WALKS

HIGHGATE VILLAGE — 1,000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet Archway tube. 2.30pm, £2.50.

ARTISTIC, LITERARY AND HISTORICAL HAMPSTEAD: meet Hampstead tube, 10.30am and 2.30pm, £2.50.

MEDIEVAL CANTERBURY: meet Longmarket Tourist Information *Centre, 10.30am and 1.30pm,* £1.25.

HISTORICAL PUB WALK — LAWYERS'S LONDON: meet Blackfriars tube, 7pm, £2.50.

INTERIOR MYSTERIES OF THE TEMPLE: meet Temple tube, 11am, £2.50.

INNS OF COURT THAT DICKENS LOVED: meet Russell Square tube, 2pm, £2.50.

DICKENS'S HAUNTED LONDON AT NIGHT: meet Russell Square tube, 8pm, £2.50.

WALK IN GREENWICH: meet Cutty Sark Tourist Information Centre, noon, 1.30pm and 3.30pm, £2.

GALLERIES

MODERN SCOTTISH PRINTS: Post-war work including a series called The Scottish Bestiary, a *collaboration between John* Bellany, Bruce McLean, Steven Campbell and others.
Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow (041 357 3929). Mon-Sat 10-5pm, *Sun 1-*5pm, free, until Sept 20.

JOHN PLAYER PORTRAIT AWARD 1987: 50 works selected from an open submission including the winning picture, a self-portrait with a teacup on her head, by 21-year-old Glasgow student, Alison Watt.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Aug 31.

A.R. PENCK: Bronze sculptures and a painted installation by the East German painter of hieroglyphs, primitive symbols and stick men.
Kettle's Yard, Northampton Street, Cambridge (0223 352124). Tues-Sat 12.30-5.30pm, *Sun 2-5.30pm,* free, until Aug 30.

THE NEW SPIRIT: Evidence of the *British craft revival,* featuring jewellery, furniture, ceramics and all manner of uncategorizable ingenuity.
Crafts Council Gallery, 12 *Waterloo Place,* London SW1 (01-930 4811). Tues-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Sept 6.

MICHAEL UPTON: Paintings from the last 10 years by a mysterious and underrated figurative painter.
Dorset County Museum, Dorchester, Dorset (0305 62735). Mon-Sat 10-5pm, free, until Aug 30.

HANNAH HÖH (1889-1978): Collages covering the artist's long career, but concentrating on the Dadaist images of the Twenties.
Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester (0533 554100) Mon-Sat 10-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm (closed Fri), free, until Sept 6.

OTHER EVENTS

STOURHEAD AND ALL THAT JAZZ: Entertainment from clowns, fire-eaters, stilt walkers and the Waldorf Dancers followed by music from Humphrey Lyttelton and Terry *Lightfoot.*
Stourhead House and Garden, Wiltshire. Tonight 5.45pm (concert 7.30pm), £7, child £5.

UNIVERSITY EXHIBITION IN DURHAM: Pictorial and graphic display about the life, work and history of Durham University based on the departments, colleges, museums and other areas of activity. The exhibition has been designed for visitors, local residents and potential students.
Exhibition Hall, Palace Green, Durham. Mon-Sat 11-4pm, Sun 2-4pm, free, until Aug 31.

JUKE-BOXES AND RECORD SLEEVES: An exhibition which looks at the visual side of pop *music from early juke-boxes to* cover designs for 33rpm and compact disc promotional videos. Many leading graphic artists are represented.
The Gallery Downstairs, Yorke Street, Burnley, Lancs (0282 21968). Mon-Fri 10-7.30pm, Sat 10-4pm, Sun 2-4pm, free, until end July.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

RESIDENCIES AT THE SOUTH BANK: Three leading music ensembles make their first appearances as residents at South Bank: London Sinfonietta perform in Electric Weekend; Alban Berg Quartett perform works by Beethoven and Berg; and the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields perform Haydn's *Harmoniemesse and Mozart's Davidde Penitente.* From Sept 11.
South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Advance postal booking now, general *booking from Aug 4/5.*

BARBICAN CELEBRITY CONCERTS: August concerts by Philharmonia with Owain Arwel Hughes and Gyorgy Pauk; Israel *Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta;* English Chamber Orchestra with Emanuel Ax and José-Luis Garcia; and Teresa Berganza in grand opera night.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891/628 8795).

LAST CHANCE

STRATFORD FESTIVAL: *Fanfare for Three Stratfords* concert introduced by Richard Baker, with musicians from Stratfords *Connecticut and Ontario (Sat);* and Royal Liverpool Philharmonic concert at Shakespeare Theatre (Sun). Also festival barbecue with music from Hungarian jazz group; *charity cricket match, antiques fair* and festival race meeting at Warwick racecourse. Ends Sun. Info: Civic Hall, 14 Rother Street, Stratford (0789 67989).

THE TOURIST IMPACT: Books, photos, ephemera and souvenirs, examining the impact of tourism nationally and internationally, the growth of the idea of leisure, and the cultural shock of foreign travel. Ends today.
Barbican Library, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

TOP CLASSICAL COMPACT DISCS

1	(–)	Maria Callas: The Collection	Stylus
2	(1)	Sibelius: Symphony 1, BPO/Karajan	EMI Studio
3	(3)	Holst: The Planets, MSO/Dutoit	Decca
4	(4)	Holst: The Planets, VPO/Karajan	Ovation/Decca
5	(5)	Gershwin: Rhapsody In Blue, NOMC/de Waart	Philips
6	(10)	Chopin: Piano Concerto 1, Pollini/PO/Kletzki	EMI Studio
7	(11)	Wagner: Overtures, BPO/Karajan	EMI Studio
8	(5)	Sibelius: Finlandia, BPO/Karajan	EMI Studio
9	(19)	Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2, Ashkenazy/LSO/Previn	Ovation/Decca
10	(7)	Holst: The Planets, BPO/Karajan	Deutsche Grammophon
11	(2)	Overtures & Intermezzi, Mutter/BPO/Karajan	EMI Studio
12	(14)	Mozart: Symphonies 41,40 & 35, BPO/Karajan	EMI Studio
13	(16)	Dvorak: Symphony 9, BPO/Karajan	EMI Studio
14	(18)	Rachmaninov: Symphonic Dances, LSO/Previn	EMI Studio
15	(20)	Orff: Carmina Burana, LSO/Hickox	IMP Classics
16	(17)	Beethoven: Symphonies 5 & 6, BPO/Karajan	DG
17	(–)	Dvorak: Symphony 9, Tuckwell/LSO	IMP Classics
18	(–)	Handel: Music for the Royal Fireworks, ECO/Leppard	Philips
19	(–)	Mozart: Clarinet Concerto, BPO/Karajan	EMI Studio
20	(–)	Mozart: Symphony 40 & 41, LSO/Abbado	Galleria/DG

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ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Tonight at 7.30 LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA. Tchaikovsky Evening.

EXHIBITIONS

THE JEWELLERY OF RENE LALIQUE. GOLDSMITHS' HALL, Foster Lane EC2. 28 May-24 July. Mon-Sat. 10.30-5pm. Adm £3. 01-606 8971.

OPERA & BALLET

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL 01-236 2801 Guildhall School Theatre, Silk St Barbican EC2. TEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE American Suite by David Gordon & Viola Farber. This week only 7.30 pm £5. Concessions £3

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Not My Account (b/w) **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, Jeremy Paxman and Pamela Armstrong. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**
8.35 The Pink Panther Show. Three cartoons. (r) **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane presents this magazine programme which includes a Charlie Brown cartoon (r) and, at **9.30, Why Don't You. . ?** Entertaining ideas for youngsters with time on their hands. (r)
10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours** (r) **10.25 Play School** presented by Jane Hardy. The guests are Simon Davies and Johnny Ball. (r)
10.50 Cricket: Fourth Test. Tony Lewis introduces coverage of the first morning's play in the match at Edgbaston between England and Pakistan. Includes news and weather at **10.55** and **12.00. 12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Julia Somerville. Weather. **1.25 Neighbours.** Mike has a heart to heart with Zoe at the coffee shop.
1.50 Cricket: Fourth Test. Coverage of the first afternoon's play. The commentators at Edgbaston are Richie Benaud and Ray Illingworth with summaries by Ted Dexter and Robin Jackman.
4.10 The Kwicky Koala Show. Cartoons. (r) **4.35 Silas.** Episode six of the 12-part drama series. (r) (Ceefax)
5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 We Are the Champions. Heat four of the inter-school sports competition, from Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine. Taking part are Arran High School, Kilwinning Academy and Irvine Royal Academy. **5.35 Hard Hat and Hadley.** Show jumping series. (first shown on BBC Northern Ireland)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Janice Long and Simon Mayo.
7.30 EastEnders. Arthur hopes his worries about Mary's welfare are unfounded; and Sharon is surprised by a turn of events. (Ceefax)
8.00 What a Carry On! The last in the series of compilations of clips from the successful Carry On comedy films.
8.30 In Sickness and in Health. Alf returns from his wife, Else's, funeral wondering how he is going to survive without her disability pension. (r)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Blackadder II. Sir Edmund, worried that his lifestyle will put paid to his inheriting any money from his saintly aunt, Lady Whiteadder, resolves to live a stainless existence.
10.00 The Trouble With Sex. A dramatized documentary about the reality of VD clinics, or genito-urinary units as they are now known. (r)
10.30 Starsky and Hutch. The two detectives are on the trail of a Texas millionaire who is about to take the law into his own hands after the murder of his wife. (r)
11.20 The Rock Gospel Show presented by Alvin Stardust and Sheila Walsh. (r)
11.55 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Conflict 2 - The Steel Strike. Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax. 1.20 Fingermouse. (r)
1.35 Cricket: Fourth Test. The opening overs of the afternoon session of the first day's play at Edgbaston. **1.50 Ceefax.**
3.00 News and weather followed by **Voyage of the Heroes.** The fourth and final programme of the series on Tim Severin's voyage retracing the route taken by Jason and the Argonauts when they went in search of the *Golden Fleece.* (r)
3.40 Look, Stranger. A profile of Bill Abernethy, the only man in Britain to have in his passport, "Occupation - pearl fisher"(r)
4.00 News and weather.
4.05 100 Great Sporting Moments. Lester Piggott on board Nijinsky in the 1970 Derby and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes.
4.15 Cricket: Fourth Test. The final session of the first day's play.
6.10 Film: The Road to Denver (1955) starring John Payne and Mona Freeman. Western adventure about two brothers who fall out over the establishment of a stagecoach line. Directed by Joe Kane.
7.40 Eye to Eye. Programme three - *Mr Magic Feet.* A documentary profile of Enrico Stennett who came to England from Jamaica in 1947 and became active in the Communist Party which, in turn, inspired his interest in ballroom dancing.
8.10 The Grand Junction. The story of Crewe. (see Choice)
9.00 The Travel Show. Jackie Spreckley, after the glitter of Mediterranean resorts finds the calm of Jersey a relief; Matthew Collins has airport survival tips after staying a day each in Glasgow, Manchester, Luton and Gatwick; and Jane and Alan Hales from Reading enjoy the delights of Sidmouth in the company of their four children.
9.30 Loving Memory. Tony Harrison investigates the burial customs of Naples. (Ceefax)
10.10 Cricket: Fourth Test. Highlights of the first day's play.
10.40 Newsnight 11.25 Weather.
1.30 Open University: Weekend Outlook **1.35** Nuclear Weapons: Arms Control. Ends at 12.05.

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6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Richard Keys. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and video report at **8.35.** After Nine includes Russell Grant's Sun Signs with the Stars and exercises with Lizzie Webb.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Stingray. Animated space adventures (r). **10.00 Golden Pennies.** Australian drama serial (r). **10.30 University Challenge.** Loughborough University of Technology meet University of Kent, Canterbury.
11.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r). **11.10 Puddle Lane.** Puppet series with Neil Innes (r). **11.25 Thames news** headlines.
11.30 Kids Workout. The first of a new series in which children enjoy exercises and stories while parents discuss everyday problems with child experts. **12.00 The Sullivans.**
12.30 News 12.50 Thames news
1.00 Scarecrow and Mrs King. Lee and Amanda, in Munich, have been given the task of rescuing a 1960s radical from terrorists **1.55 Home Cookery Club.** Wensleydale Dip and *Summer Salad* **2.00 Password.** Word association game.
2.30 Something to Treasure includes a visit to a country house sale in Derbyshire. **3.00 Take the High Road 3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Fat Tulip Too 4.10 James the Cat (r). **4.20 Storybook International: The Stubborn Princess.** A story from Yugoslavia about a peasant who is given the power to make his dreams come true. (Oracle) **4.45 The Blunders** (r).
4.50 Panic Station. Science series **5.15 Diff'rent Strokes.** American domestic comedy series.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 What It's Worth. Consumers' queries answered by Penny Junor and David Stafford.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. The Estate's workers' jobs are at risk because of Joe Sugden's plans.
7.30 Never the Twain. Comedy series starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies (r).
8.00 This Week: The Secret Missile Trail. Peter Gill investigates the secret CIA arms trail from factories in the west to the Afghan guerrillas.
8.30 The Benny Hill Show. Comedy sketches (r).
9.00 The Equalizer. McCall is asked by a reporter to investigate the business of her gun-dealer neighbour. Starring Edward Woodward. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten and weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Why Couples Break Up presented by Masud Hoghughi (r).
11.00 Connie. Drama serial about the rag trade, starring Stephanie Beacham (r).
12.00 Prisoner Cell Block H. Australian drama serial set in a women's prison.
1.00 Video Sounds. A performance by Judie Tzuke.
1.30 America's Top Ten introduced by Casey Kasem.
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: The Squeeze** (1977) starring Stacy Keach. An ex-police inspector is told by his former wife's husband that she and his daughter have been kidnapped. Directed by Michael Apted. Ends at **4.00.**

CHANNEL 4

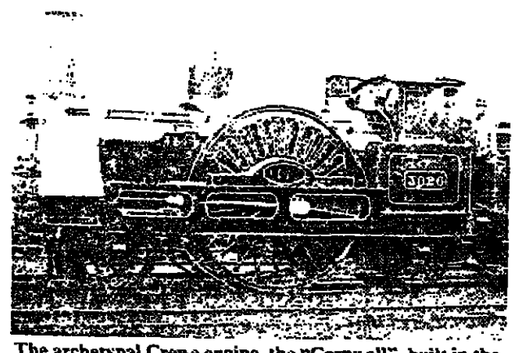
2.15 Their Lordships' House. (r)
2.30 Film: Mammy (1930, b/w) starring Al Jolson. Classic musical about a man on the run from a travelling minstrel show after being accused of murdering his rival in love. He looks back at how he came to be in the predicament. Directed by Michael Curtiz.
4.05 Film: The Boat (1921, b/w) starring Buster Keaton as a family man who builds a boat in order to take his wife and offspring on a life of adventure. Directed by Buster Keaton and Eddie Cline.
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Pat Shakespeare from Pershore.
5.00 Film: Abbott and Costello Meet the Invisible Man (1951, b/w) Bud and Lou play bumbling private investigators trying to clear an invisible boxer on a charge of murdering his manager. Directed by Charles Lamont.
6.30 Tour de France 1987. Stage 22: the 186km leg from La Plagne to Morzine.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Nik Gowing.
7.50 Comment and **Weather.**
8.00 Equinox: Mission to Mars. A documentary about Nasa's plans to land on Mars.
9.00 Film: Winter Flight (1984) starring Reece Dinsdale and Nicola Cowper. A *First Love* story, set on an RAF station, about a shy airman and his romance with a Nasfi barmaid. Directed by Roy Battersby.
11.00 Film: Rush to Judgement (1967, b/w) Emile de Antonio's documentary illustrating how contradictory evidence given at the Warren Commission's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy was either ignored or hushed up.
12.50 Their Lordships' House.
1.05 Film: Die Niklashauser Fahrt (1970) starring Hans Böhm. Drama, based on fact, about a 15th-century German who claims he has been visited by the Virgin Mary and begins a series of social reforms. Four months later he is arrested and executed by the Church authorities. Directed by Rainer Werner Fassbinder. Ends at **2.50.**

History on the rails

TELEVISION CHOICE

● **The Grand Junction** (BBC2, 8.10pm) celebrates 150 years of Crewe as a railway town. It also celebrates Crewe's own recent celebration of the anniversary, the opening of a Heritage Centre on the site of the original railway works and a parade of old puffers – and diesels – which were made in the town. At the beginning of the 1830s, what is now Crewe was green fields and open countryside. By the 1860s it was the hub of the Grand Junction Railway, the convenient half-way point between the cities of Birmingham and Manchester. The town was created by the railway, which put up cottages for the labourers and villas for the works superintendents and a church with cast-iron pillars (made in the railway works) painted to look like stone. The works opened in 1843 and were responsible for such archetypal Crewe locos as the "Cornwall", with its single huge driving wheel, still in working order after 120 years. In the 1930s, the great engineer William Stanier arrived and created the Princess Class Pacifics. One of these, the "Princess Elizabeth" (named after the current Queen) had eventually to be saved from the scrapyard by a band of dedicated enthusiasts. Hard as it is to comprehend, the early Crewe diesels have just as great a fan club as the steam locos. Presented by Brian Redhead, with the help of two railway experts, David Jenkinson and Anthony Burton, *The Grand Junction* is not just about railways but an exploration of wider social history. Happily, the Crewe works are still working, making locos and rolling stock for Britain and the world.

Peter Waymark



The archetypal Crewe engine, the "Cornwall", built in the town in 1847: The Grand Junction (BBC2, 8.10pm)

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below).
News on the half hour from **6.30** am until **8.30** pm, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight.
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Andy Peebles **11.00** The Radio 1 Roadshow (from Aberystwyth) **12.30** Newsbeat (Rod McKenzie) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** Behind the Mask (Eric Clapton Story) **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00** am As Radio 2. **10.00** pm As Radio 1. **12.00-4.00** am As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-up **8.50.** Cricket Scoreboard **7.30** pm.
4.00 am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** pm Cliff Morgan **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Club (Emmylou Harris) **9.00** Rhythm and Blues (Paul Jones) **10.00** Wise on the Wireless (Ernie Wise) **10.30** Star Sound Cinema (Nick Jackson) **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00** am Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

N.B. All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST
6.00 Newsdesk **6.30** Verse **6.40** Farming World **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** New Waves on Shortwave **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by: Look Ahead **9.45** From Cradle to Grave **10.00** News **10.01** Gold and Silver **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Sportsworld **11.30** Assignment **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty **12.45** Sports **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Sportsworld **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Write On **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Haute Aktuel From **7.00** Live Relay (Promenade Concerts) **7.28** News **7.29** Outlook **7.56** Stock Market **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Business Matters **9.00** News **9.01** Book Choice **9.06** In the Meantime **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** A Letter from England **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme **11.30** Verse **11.40** Farming World **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Happy Talk **1.45** Book Choice **1.50** In the Meantime **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Character at Court **2.30** New Music **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight **3.40** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin.

Radio 3

N.B. Programmes are on both VHF and MW, except **Test Match Special** (England v Pakistan, first day of Fourth Test) on MW only, from **10.45am** to **6.25pm**
6.35 Open University. Chinese nuclear politics
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert. Hilding Rosenberg (Marionettes overture: London Symphony Orchestra under Sixten Ehrling). Haydn (Symphony No 104: LPO under Georg Solti), Boris Blacher (Variations on theme of Paganini: South German RSO under Lothar Zagrosek). **8.00** News
8.05 Concert (continued): Ireland (Piano Concerto: Eric Parkin, with LPO under Bryden Thomson), Britten (Suite on English folk tunes: A time there was ...: CBSO under Simon Rattle). Schubert (Andantino varié in B minor, D 823, No 2: Emil and Elena Gilels, pianos)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: J S Bach. Prelude and Fugue in D minor, BWV 539 (Hurford, organ), Mass in G major, BWV 236 (Richard Hickox Singers and Orchestra under Hickox; with soloists Wendy Eathorne, Paul Esswood, Philip Langridge and Stephen Roberts)
10.00 Music Group of London: Arnold Cooke (Trio for clarinet, cello, piano), Khachaturian (Trio for clarinet, violin, piano)
10.45 The Shadow of the Glen: play by J M Synge, set in County Wicklow, Republic of Ireland. With David Kelly, Brid Brennan, Garret Keogh, Ronan Smith and Michael Baguley
11.15 Piano recital: Martin Roscoe plays Janacek's In the Mists, and Debussy's Pour le piano, and L'Isle Joyeuse
11.50 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC, and presented by Angus McDermid (r)
12.10 Two Symphonies and an Elegy: BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk. William Wordsworth (Symphony No 8), Elgar (Elegy for String Orchestra Op 58), Sibelius (Symphony No 7). **1.00** News
1.05 Baritone and piano: Henry Herford and Robin Bowman in works by Mozart (Oiseaux, si tous les ans, K 307, etc), Ravel (Don Quichotte à Dulcinee), Barber (Melodies passageres), Lee Hoiby (Three Rimbaud songs), and Faure (Cinq melodies de Venise)
2.00 Lute Quartets: The Lute Group perform works by Pacolini (arranged F Vigeral, E Adriansen, and N Vallet
2.30 Der Corregidor: Hugo Wolf's four-act opera, sung in German. Berlin RSO under Gerd Albrecht, with RIAS Chamber Chorus. The miller and his wife are sung by Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau and Doris Soffel. In the title role: Werner Hollweg. First two acts. Acts three and four at **3.55.** Interval reading at **3.50**
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music, presented by Richard Baker
6.25 Bandstand: Leyland Daf Band under Richard Evans play George Lloyd's Royal parks, and Eric Ball's Sinfonietta. **6.55** News
7.00 J S and J C Bach: Howard Davis (violin), Virginia Black (harpsichord). J S Bach's Sonata in G, BWV 1019; J C Bach's Sonata in B flat, Op 20 No 6
7.30 Proms 87. Direct from the Royal Albert Hall in London. BBC SO under Christoph von Dohnanyi, with Martin Roscoe (piano). Zemlinsky's suite Die Seejungfrau; Strauss's Burleske; and Brahms's Symphony No 1. Interval interview with Christoph von Dohnanyi at **8.25**
9.40 A Musical Unicorn: David Roblou (on a reconstructed pedalboard harpsichord) plays George Moffat's Toccata No 2 in G minor; Buxtehude's Ciacona in E minor, Bux WV 160), and J S Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E flat, BWV 552
10.10 Music and Sweet Poetry: Consort of Musicke perform madrigals by Thomas Morley, including Blow,shepherds,blow; and Besides a fountain
10.30 Flute, piano and tanpura: Margaret Campbell, John Lenehan and John Mayer perform works by Roussel and John Mayer
11.00 Chamber Cuinos: Dvorak (Bagatelles Op 47 for two violins, cello and harmonium: Berlin Philharmonic Octet members), Haydn (Baryton Trio No 662: Munich Baryton Trio). Holst (Terzetto). Saint-Saens (Septet Op 65 for trumpet, string quintet and piano: Groupe Instrumental de Paris)
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown



Al Jolson in the 1930 movie Mammy (C4, 2.30pm)

VARIATIONS

3.30-4.00 Carson's Law **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **10.30** Owain Arwell Hughes Conducts **11.30** Why Couples Break Up **12.00** Untouchables **12.55am** Closedown.

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** The Royal Welsh **11.55-12.00** News **SCOTLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Go For It **8.30-9.00** Don't Wait Up **11.55-12.00** News **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Falcon Crest **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00-7.30** Anything Goes **10.30** Wheels **11.15** Why Couples Break Up **11.45** Rock of the Seventies **12.15am** Look to Luton, **Closedown.**

BORDER As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Love Boat **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Horses for Courses **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **12.00** Moviemakers **12.30am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Contact **12.50pm** News **5.15-5.45** Adventurer **6.00-6.35** News **12.00** Film: The Island **2.00am** Dateline **3.00** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Ask No Questions **12.50** News **1.00** Country Practice **1.30-2.00** Sullivans **6.35** Wales at Six **10.30** One and All **11.00** Why Couples Break Up **11.30-12.40am** Derrick.

SCOTTISH As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Country Practice **3.00** Ask No Questions **3.25** News **3.30-4.00** Mary **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00** Scotland Today **6.25-6.35** Scottish on Screen **7.00-7.30** Take the High Road **9.00-10.00** Scottish Report Special **11.00** Late Call **11.05** About Gaelic **11.35** Sweeney **12.35am** Closedown.

TSW As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Man in a Suitcase **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00** Today **6.30** Survival **7.00-7.30** Knight Rider **12.00** Cover Story **12.25am** Postcript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:**12.00-12.50pm** Ask No Questions **12.50** News **1.00** Country Practice **1.30-2.00** Sullivans **3.30-4.00** Carson's Law **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **10.30** Owain Arwel Hughes Conducts **11.30** Why Couples Break Up **12.00** Untouchables **12.55am** Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Silk Road **5.15-5.45** The Year Was 1966 . **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **10.32** First Edition **11.05** Why Couples Break Up **11.30** Mann's Best Friend **12.00** God's Top Ten, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-1.55** Country Practice **5.15-5.45** Show Me **6.00-6.35** News **10.30** The Year Was 1985... **11.00** Weekend Outlook **11.05** Why Couples Break Up **11.35** Derrick **12.45am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six **10.30** One and All **11.00** Why Couples Break Up **11.30-12.40am** Derrick.

ULSTER As London except:**12.50pm** Lunchtime **1.00-2.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.30-4.00** Bygones **5.15-5.45** Survival **6.00** Summer Edition **6.30** Police Six **6.25-6.35** Cartoons **12.00** Moviemakers **12.30am** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Lunchtime Live **12.50** News **1.00-2.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **5.15-5.45** Easy Street **6.00-6.35** Calendar **12.00** Film: Starting Over **1.55** Jobfinder **2.55** Closedown.

S4C Starts:**12.15pm** Their Lordships' House **12.30** Film: My Lucky Star **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Down Home **3.30** Time to Remember **4.00** Abbon ang Costello Show **4.25** Rebecca **4.30** Ffalabalam **4.45** Amro Amser **4.50** Antur Aelhau Syr Wynn **5.30** Ourselves and Other Animals **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Tour de France **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Siarabang **8.00** Fferrmo A Cefn Gwlad O'r Sae **9.00** Dinas **9.30** Hill Street Blues **10.25** What Now? **11.25** People to People **12.25am** End of the Pier **12.58** Their Lordships' House **1.05** Film: Die Niklashauser Fahrt **2.45** Closedown

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5.55 Shipping forecast **6.00** News briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
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9.00 News
9.05 Conversation Piece. Denise Robertson, writer and television agony aunt, talks to Sue MacGregor.
9.30 The Natural History Programme. Fergus Keeling with some good news about warblers and sand martins.
10.00 News; Indian Tales of the Raj. What the Indians thought of the British and their legacies. (3) The Language of Protest. With Roshan Seth (third of five programmes)
10.30 Morning Story. The Electric Rejuvenator by Sam McBratney. Read by Stella McCusker (s).
10.45 An Act of Worship. From Broadcasting House (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Rambow Warriors. Protectors of the planet or ecological zealots? John Waite reports on Greenpeace (r)
11.47 A Geordie in MK. Alex Ferguson, castaway in Milton Keynes.
12.00 News; You And Yours presented by John Buckley. Working Parents – problems faced by women returning to work after having children.
12.25 Braden Beside Himself. Bernard Braden ambles through the world of transatlantic humour. This week: To Whom It May Concern. Includes the wit and wisdom of Groucho Marx, and Mark Twain (r)**12.55** Weather.
1.00 The World At One. News.
1.40 The Archers. **1.55** Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Sue MacGregor. The guest is the actor Robin Bailey. Includes the fourth instalment of Just You Wait and See.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. A Confidential Agent – All That Glisters by Nick McCarty. Amateur sleuth on the trail of a missing photographic model. With Rosemary Martin heading the cast (s).
4.00 News
4.05 A Good Read. Brian Gear invites Mat Coward and Jane Ellison to pick some paperbacks.
4.35 *Kaleidoscope.* A second chance to hear last night's edition. Topics include Mean Tears, at the Cottesloe, National Theatre: and Sondheim's Follies at the Shaftesbury Theatre (r)
5.00 PM. News magazine. **5.50** Shipping. **5.55** Weather; Travel.
6.00 News; Financial report.
6.30 Brain of Britain 1987. First semi-final – London and South. With Robin Gordon Walker, Ray Ward, Brian Evans and Philip Evans (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? John Timpson with listeners' responses to last week's Any Questions?
7.40 The Arab World. Gerald Butt chairs a discussion on the future of the Arab World, concluding this series.
8.10 Profile. David Devine, director of Brent Social Services
8.30 Images of Liverpool (3) God Has Given Us This Work To Do. With contributions from, inter alia, Michael Heseltine, David Alton and Joanne Bailey
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? For disabled listeners
9.30 Glyn Worsnip in the BBC Sound Archives
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Topics include Simone de Beauvoir, the book by C Francis and F Gontier; and the Ravel double bill at Glyndebourne (including an interview with Maurice Sendak). Presented by Nigel Andrews
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Cannery Row by John Steinbeck (4) Read by William Roberts **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight. Presented by Michael Vestey
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **1.55-2.00** pm Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10** am Open University **11.30** Arts Review: Life and Purpose **11.50** Open Forum: University Magazines

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RADIO CHOICE



Brid Brennan: R3, 10.45am

● Whoever they were who said Radio 3 was as immutable as the seasons, they can't have looked out of the window lately. Nor can they have studied the Radio 3 programme schedules, because something dramatic is happening on Thursday mornings. Someone has woken up to the fact that there actually *are* some Radio 3 listeners who can take radio drama before noon. The proof of it is that you can hear J M Synge's early (1903) play **In the Shadow of the Glen** this morning at 10.45. And next Thursday morning, there is a repeat of Stoppard's *Where Are They Now?* If this dribble of innovative programming became a river, afternoon drama on Radio 3 would cease to exist only in the realms of fantasy. *In the Shadow of the Glen* is comedy firmly rooted in dark, stony Irish soil. In less poetic hands than Synge's, this cautionary tale of a farmer's wife (Brid Brennan, fine actress) who celebrates her widowhood prematurely, would have been no more than an enjoyable one-acter. By injecting just enough cynicism into the piece, Synge lifts it into quite a different category, one that is almost unclassifiable.

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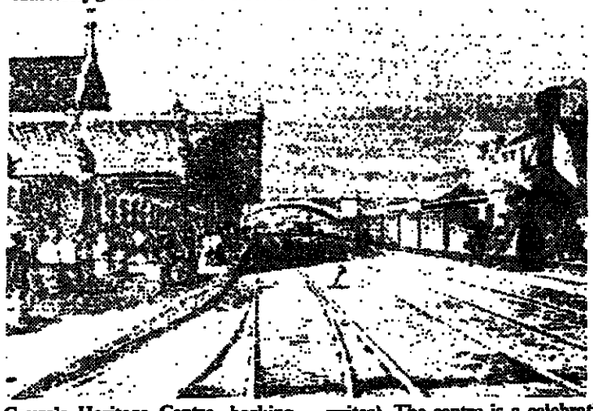
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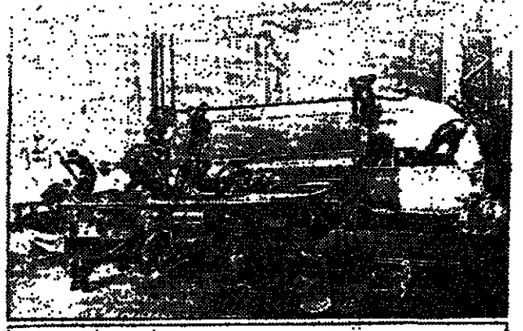
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Crewe steams back to its age of iron glory



Meeting of the ways: Mr Keith Winteringham (right), assistant railways superintendent of the centre, and Mr Bryan Gibson, a volunteer fireman, returning after working on an Austerity goods locomotive built at Crewe. Below: The station in Victorian days, LMS poster from the 1930s, and last steam train at Crewe in the 1960s (Top photograph: John Rogers)







Crewe's Heritage Centre, harking back to an era when railways reigned supreme and the Cheshire town was synonymous with the "iron horse", will be officially opened by the Queen tomorrow (David Sapsted writes). The centre is a celebration of the age of steam and its opening coincides with a festival to mark the day 150 years ago when the Grand Junction Railway Company's first train passed through Crewe on its way from Liverpool to Birmingham. An exhibition hall on the nine-acre site will trace the story of Crewe's development, first as a junction town and later as the centre of the world's most famous locomotive works. The site also incorporates the now-defunct North Junction signal box, partly converted into a working museum with audio-visual displays. And, of course, there are trains, diesel and steam, recalling Crewe's glory days, almost all in full working order. The Queen will be presented with a model replica of the Princess Elizabeth, the Crewe-built locomotive making its debut at the centre after renovation.

Commons sketch

Questioning those tartan credentials

Scotland this, Scotland that. Scottish Question Time is an endless reel of generalizations about the people of Scotland.

"Is the Minister aware," a Labour member will say, "that the people of Scotland all reject completely your offer of Tartan Shortbread?" — at which a Tory member will leap to his feet, his head shaking with fury, to scream with equal vehemence, "Is the Minister aware that the offer of Tartan Shortbread will be accepted with immense gratitude by the Scottish people, who would, in return, like to invite the Minister into their modest dwellings for a wee dram?"

Tempers between Scottish members since the election have been frayed. All 10 Scottish Tory MPs find the suggestion that the 62 Scottish Labour MPs are more representative of the Scottish people impertinent in the extreme. Yet still the Scottish Labour members demand more than half the time to put their case during Scottish debates.

To counteract this argument, any English Conservative who ever bought a record by Kenneth McKellar or wore a tartan sock has been drafted in. The more pedantic of those near-Scots attempt to support the vigour of their argument with a smattering of statistics.

Mr Eric Forth is a Conservative Scot who has emigrated to Mid-Worcestershire but whose political depth still retains all the hallmarks of one who has never abandoned his daily studies of "Oor Wullie".

When he rises to his feet, more often than not to remind the House that under a Conservative Government 98 per cent of Scottish people have heated swimming pools, champagne on tap and an endless supply of Bendicks Bittermints, the Labour benches groan horribly.

This time, Mr Forth wished to remind the House that the per capita consumption of alcohol, tobacco and confectionery was higher in Scotland than in the rest of the British Isles. But he seemed less delighted by the promise of such gaiety than anxious to boast of the Conservative Government's generosity in allowing the satiated Scots an extra 23 per cent of the health budget.

Sure enough, the groans came loud and clear, a mixture, no doubt, of dissension and indigestion.

More frightening than Forth is Fairbairn, whose swaying and satisfied presence sometimes suggests that he is more than doing his bit to keep up those celebrated consumption figures. Mr Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, Conservative) spoke out against the never-ending Labour argument that they are the true Government of Scotland.

"If they have a mandate to govern in Scotland, they don't have a mandate to govern in England," he said, going on to suggest that logically they should not vote on the English poll tax.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, reminded the House that a full (too full, doctors might suggest) three-quarters of a million people in Scotland voted for the Conservative Party.

Most of Scottish Question Time is made up of arguments about who is more Scottish than who. Sir Hector Munro (Dumfries, Conservative), an ex-president of the Scottish Rugby Union, formed a scrum around the question of the hypocrisy of the Scottish socialists.

"Isn't it rather odd that the Hon Gentlemen opposite are supporting a Scottish assembly and yet are happy to be led by a Welshman in Westminster?" he intoned.

The moustachioed Mr Kenneth Hind (Lancashire West, Conservative) grumpily declared that "those of us on this side of the House are fed up to the back teeth with the carping of the Scottish members on the other side".

The Speaker did not take to that too kindly. "Provocative statements don't really help," he sighed.

Up leapt Mr Fairbairn to lend a bit more lack of help.

"I regret the necessity for gravity", he began. Oh, Lord, a joke was coming. "If there is a North-South divide at Hadrian's Wall," he continued, "all the benefits are to the North of it."

Not ALL the benefits though. Mr Fairbairn lives in Fife.

Craig Brown

Sunflower seller's turnover rises 50%

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's yesterday announced a 50 per cent increase in its world-wide sales turnover for the season ending in July 1987 compared with the previous year.

The boom in auction sales generally in the past year has been linked with the changing tastes of the Japanese, buoyant stock markets and the rise in surplus wealth available to private buyers.

Christie's had sold the most expensive picture in the world. Van Gogh's "Sunflowers", for £24.75 million, as well as the second most expensive, Van Gogh's "Pont de Trinquetaille" for £12.65 million.

A total of 25 works of art had fetched prices over the £1 million mark at Christie's auctions during the season.

Sales totalled £581 million, including Constable's "Young Waltonians". Christie's negotiated the sale of the painting to the National Gallery at a valuation of £10 million, the most expensive individual item ever negotiated through "acceptance in lieu of tax" procedures.

Christie's is only the world's second largest art auctioneers but it has overtaken Sotheby's turnover for the previous season, which stood at £473 million.

Sotheby's, now run from America, has not yet totted up the 1986-87 season figures. But it is clear that it will have its sights set on topping the $1 billion mark. That would take a 45 per cent increase in turnover from last year's $691 million. It looks touch and go whether the company makes it, despite the special boost from the Windsor jewels.

Sotheby's London chairman, Lord Gowrie, said that Christie's figures raised his own confidence and optimism since both firms were operating in the same market.

He singled out some of the key factors that have made the last year one of the most successful in auction history. The number of private buyers at auction is increasing steadily world wide, reflecting buoyant stock markets — Lord Gowrie said there is a lot of surplus wealth in Europe and America and its owners are taking an interest in works of art.

On very rare and special pieces there is now fierce competition between institutions and individual collectors —the institutions themselves have become more aggressive in their buying, knowing that there are now several super-rich individuals prepared to pay what used to be "museum prices" and above.

Lord Gowrie said the wide media coverage of the sales of the "Sunflowers" and the Windsor jewels has helped to bring a lot of new people into the saleroom.

Japanese buying, which used to be largely confined to Impressionist paintings and Chinese ceramics, is now spreading over a much wider spectrum, he said. They have entered the market for Old Master pictures for the first time.

The year's auction turnover, and Christie's in particular, has been boosted by sensational prices for great rarities. Run-of-the-mill items were also selling well last autumn but prices have tended to slip this summer. The difference in value between the best and the second best has widened significantly.

For Christie's, 1986-87 has been the first full year in which the younger generation has taken over the running of the firm. Mr Charles Allsopp, the London chairman, and Mr Christopher Burge in New York are both in their forties.

The older generation, however, still controls major shareholdings. It now looks increasingly unlikely that there will be a takeover of Christie's, Sotheby-style, but the ownership pattern of the company must be set to change significantly in the course of the next few years.

Injunctions against spy book are lifted

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Three newspapers won the right in the High Court yesterday to go ahead with publication of extracts from *Spycatcher*, the memoirs of the former M15 officer Peter Wright.

Lifting the injunctions banning *The Sunday Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Observer* from publishing material, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, the Vice-Chancellor, said that continuing them would "make the law an ass".

The Attorney General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, immediately lodged an appeal with the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson. It will be heard by the Court of Appeal today.

It is likely that if the newspapers lose they will go to the House of Lords.

Mr Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, which is hoping to publish the second part of its serialization of *Spycatcher* this weekend, said yesterday he was "delighted" by the High Court ruling.

Mr Bill Millinship, managing editor of *The Observer*, said: "Common sense has at last broken through."

In his judgement Sir Nicolas said he had reached his decision with "considerable hesitation". He said the ruling was not a "charter" for other members of the British security services to publish their memoirs "unless they wanted to leave this country for good".

But, he said, the freedom of the press "was a matter of very great importance and one of the safeguards of this country and its system of government".

Now the book had been published in the United States and was available to anyone, it would be wrong to put greater restrictions on the press than there were on private individuals.

Trade deficit prompts slump in share prices

Continued from page 1

leading was the picture of the economy painted by the Government during the election."

Share prices, which had shown small rises ahead of the announcement, slumped. The FT-30 share index fell by 39.6 points to 1,832.4 and the wider FTSE 100 index fell 46 points to 2,344.5. About £9.4 billion was wiped off share values.

Government stocks fell two points as fears grew of an early rise in interest rates. Some money market dealers predicted a rise in base rates to 10 per cent, from the present 9 per cent, next week.

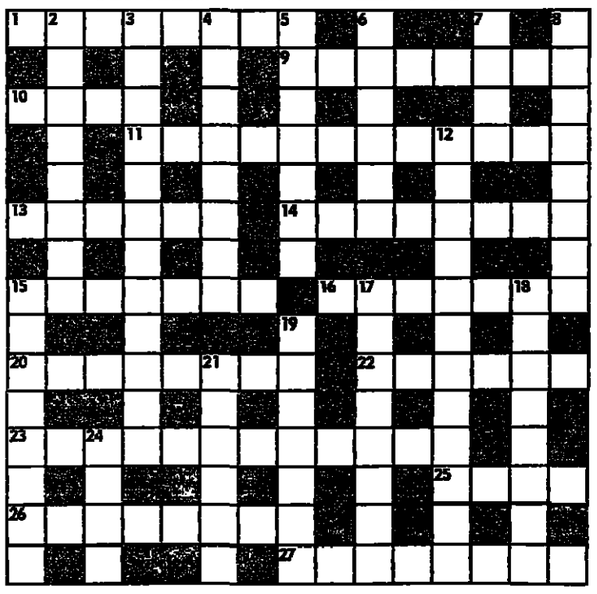
But City analysts believed the Chancellor would resist pressure for an increase, and the Bank of England would prop up the pound, if necessary, by using the huge foreign exchange reserves at its disposal.

Some small support for the pound by the Bank was detected in the markets yesterday. Even so, it dropped two-thirds of a cent to $1.5950.

The feature of the May trade figures, delayed for a month by Civil Service industrial action, was a strong rise in imports, in particular those of consumer goods.

Imports rose by £374 million to £7.45 billion while exports slipped by £282 million to £6.29 billion.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,416



ACROSS

1 Old players first given medical treatment (8).
9 For example, Arab with a personal obsession (8).
10 Tiny piece in half our letters (4).
11 Hold test — a mental section including sacred books (3,9).
13 Make holiday resort safe with it (6).
14 Reports to control evil (6,2).
15 Introductory course for a beginner (7).
16 Don't abandon emergency equipment (5,2).
20 Slam, beat dreadfully (8).
22 Chap embraced by one girl or another (6).
23 Freedom of the city for some Missourians (12).
25 Article returned if lacking sophistication (4).
26 By the way, this is the border (8).

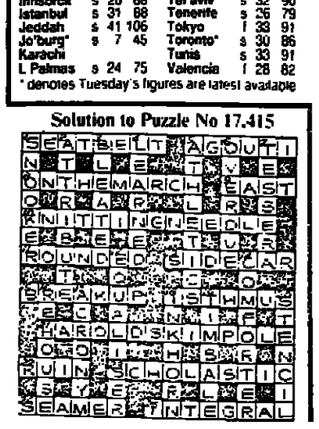
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27 Precise correspondence, for the record (8).

DOWN

2 Militant type's view curtailed after start of play (8).
3 Older batsmen in order, capable of becoming established (12).
4 Make regular marks as successful student (8).
5 Backs one side, in case (7).
6 Thus he includes 11 to calm down (6).
7 As soon as church gets on top (4).
8 Hanker for sole, self-indulgently (8).
12 Mother without a sovereign gets better compensation (6,6).
15 Terribly disorderly, heartless men (8).
17 Aiming for education of a sort (8).
18 Does such bowling produce a stiff stroke? (4-4).
19 Intruder reported in fruit-tree (7).
21 Hard cash? (6).
24 Put feet up in cart (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,415



WEATHER

General situation: low pressure over northern Germany will fill as it moves east although it will continue to keep south-eastern areas fairly cloudy with some showers. Areas further west and north will be drier with less rain, as a ridge of high pressure will extend across the rest of the British Isles giving a lot of dry, warm and sunny weather. However it will become increasingly cloudy in the north with some rain spreading into northern Scotland during the afternoon. Winds will be light to moderate, northerly or north-westerly, temperatures ranging from a cool 18C (64F) in the south-east to 22C (72F) in Scotland. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: most places will be dry, fairly sunny and quite warm.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	27	81	Madrid	s	29	84
Akrotiri	s	31	88	Majorca	f	29	84
Alex'dria	s	31	88	Malaga	s	28	82
Algiers	s	31	88	Malta	s	37	99
Amst'dam	c	20	68	Melb'rne	f	11	52
Athens	s	35	95	Mexico C*	s	20	68
Bahrain	s	35	95	Miami*	f	31	88
Barbados*	f	30	86	Milan	f	24	75
Barcelna	f	22	72	Montreal*	c	23	73
Beirut				Moscow	f	24	75
Belgrade	s	32	90	Munich	f	20	68
Berlin	f	24	75	Nairobi	c	25	77
Bermuda*	f	28	82	Naples	s	35	95
Biarritz	c	20	68	N Delhi	s	38	100
Borde'x	f	21	70	N York*	s	31	88
Brussels	s	19	66	Nice	s	24	75
Budapst	s	29	84	Oslo	s	27	81
B Aires*	s	17	63	Paris	c	17	63
Cairo	s	39	102	Peking	s	30	86
Cape Tn	s	18	64	Perth	r	17	63
C'blanca	f	24	75	Prague	f	23	73
Chicago*	s	32	90	Reykjvik	c	13	55
Ch'church	c	9	48	Rhodes	s	35	95
Cologne	f	21	70	Rio de J	c	19	66
C'phagn	c	17	63	Riyadh	s	45	113
Corfu	s	37	99	Rome	s	29	84
Dublin	f	17	63	Salzburg	s	22	72
Dubrovnik	s	34	93	S F'risco*	c	19	66
Faro	c	21	70	Santiago*	s	13	55
Florence	s	28	82	S Paulo*	c	15	59
Frankfurt	f	22	72	Seoul	r	24	75
Funchal	c	22	72	Sing'por	f	30	86
Geneva	f	23	73	St'kholm	s	26	79
Gibraltar	f	24	75	Strasb'rg	f	21	70
Helsinki	s	27	81	Sydney	r	9	48
Hong K	r	27	81	Tangier	f	24	75
Innsbruck	s	20	68	Tel aviv	s	32	90
Istanbul	s	31	88	Tenerife	s	26	79
Jeddah	s	41	106	Tokyo	f	33	91
Jo'burg*	s	7	45	Toronto*	s	30	86
Karachi				Tunis	s	33	91
L Palmas	s	24	75	Valencia	f	28	82

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	14	57	dull
Bridlington	-	.11	15	59	shower
Cromer	1.4	.24	17	63	rain
Lowestoft	0.2	.34	16	61	rain
Clacton	0.4	.36	17	63	rain
Southend	-	.47	16	61	rain
Margate	0.3	.26	16	61	rain
Folkestone	0.2	.37	16	61	rain
Hastings	-	.46	14	57	rain
Eastbourne	-	.27	15	59	rain
Brighton	0.1	.14	16	61	rain
Worthing	-	.05	15	59	rain
Littlehmptn	-	.06	15	59	rain
Bognor R	-	.03	15	59	rain
Southsea	-	.07	16	61	shower
Shanklin	-	.10	15	59	rain
Bournemth	-	.02	16	61	shower
Poole	0.1	.02	17	63	shower
Swanage	0.1	.06	17	63	shower
Weymouth	0.2	-	18	64	cloudy
Exmouth	1.2	-	19	66	cloudy
Teignmouth	2.7	-	19	66	cloudy
Torquay	2.2	-	20	68	cloudy
Falmouth	6.9	-	19	66	bright
Penzance	6.9	-	19	66	bright
Scilly Isles	6.8	-	20	68	sunny
Jersey	2.9	-	18	64	cloudy
Guernsey	5.1	-	18	64	sunny
Ilfracombe	3.7	-	18	64	bright
Minehead	2.1	-	18	64	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	1.9	-	19	66	cloudy
Morecambe	1.4	-	17	63	cloudy
Douglas	-	-	20	68	bright
B'ham Airpt	-	.05	15	59	rain
Bristol (Ctri)	0.4	.01	17	63	shower
Carlisle	1.8	-	18	64	cloudy
London	-	.18	15	59	rain
Manchester	0.4	.05	16	61	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	-	.03	14	57	rain
Nottingham	-	.03	15	59	rain
Anglesey	5.7	-	18	64	bright
Cardiff (Ctri)	1.3	-	18	64	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	1.4	.07	16	61	drizzle
Tenby	2.6	-	19	66	bright
Aberdeen	3.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Edinburgh	10.5	-	21	70	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.7	-	19	66	bright
Glasgow	11.6	.01	25	77	sunny
Kinloss	10.7	-	17	63	sunny
Lerwick	9.4	-	15	59	sunny
Prestwick	9.8	.16	23	73	sunny
Stornoway	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Tiree	13.5	-	16	61	sunny
Wick	1.6	-	15	59	cloudy
Belfast	9.9	-	22	72	sunny

These are Tuesday's figures

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.51	6.0	1.19	6.1
Aberdeen	12.29	3.5	12.58	3.5
Avonmouth	6.23	11.0	6.46	11.3
Belfast	10.31	3.0	10.43	3.2
Cardiff	6.08	10.2	6.31	10.5
Devonport	4.46	4.5	5.14	4.8
Dover	10.32	5.8	10.53	5.8
Falmouth	4.16	4.3	4.44	4.6
Glasgow	—	—	12.11	4.0
Harwich	11.16	3.5	11.42	3.5
Holyhead	9.56	4.6	10.17	4.9
Hull	5.38	6.2	6.06	6.1
Ilfracombe	5.14	7.4	5.38	7.7
Leith	1.46	4.7	2.15	4.8
Liverpool	10.39	7.9	11.03	8.2
Lowestoft	8.58	2.2	9.37	2.1
Margate	11.26	4.1	11.54	4.1
Milford Haven	5.31	5.6	5.57	5.9
Newquay	4.25	5.7	4.50	5.9
Oban	5.24	3.2	5.47	3.3
Penzance	3.50	4.5	4.16	4.8
Portland	5.59	1.4	6.21	1.7
Portsmouth	11.03	4.0	11.10	4.1
Shoreham	10.40	5.1	10.56	5.3
Southampton	10.32	3.9	10.39	4.0
Swansea	5.33	7.8	5.55	8.1
Tees	2.54	4.6	3.20	4.6
W'ton-on-Nze	11.14	3.7	11.40	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.21
Austria Sch	21.65	20.55
Belgium Fr	64.05	60.85
Canada $	2.19	2.08
Denmark Kr	11.70	11.10
Finland Mkk	7.52	7.12
France Fr	10.24	9.74
Germany Dm	3.085	2.925
Greece Dr	228	217
Hong Kong $	12.91	12.21
Ireland Pt	1.151	1.091
Italy Lira	2225	2115
Japan Yen	254.50	240.50
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.29
Portugal Esc	238.50	227.50
South Africa Rd	4.70	3.90
Spain Pta	209	199
Sweden Kr	10.73	10.18
Switzerland Fr	2.555	2.425
USA $	1.668	1.588
Yugoslavia Dnr	1130	1030

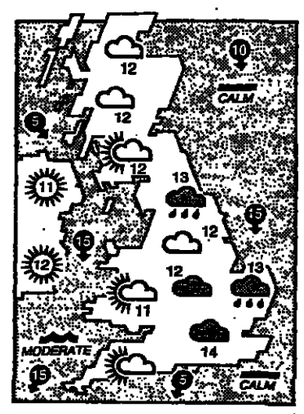
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Retail Price Index: July — 101.9

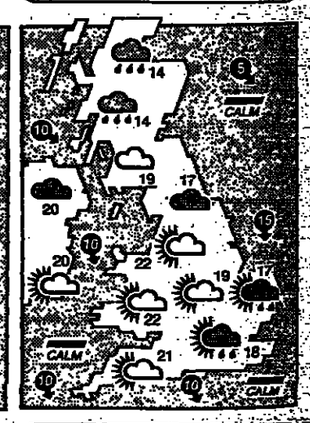
London: The *FT* Index closed down 39.6 at 1832.4

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LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.33 pm to 4.42 am
Bristol 9.42 pm to 4.52 am
Edinburgh 10.08 pm to 4.31 am
Manchester 9.51 pm to 4.41 am
Penzance 9.48 pm to 5.08 am

LONDON

Tuesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am,13C (55F) Humidity: 6 pm 96 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.18in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1014.3 millibars, rising.
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YESTERDAY

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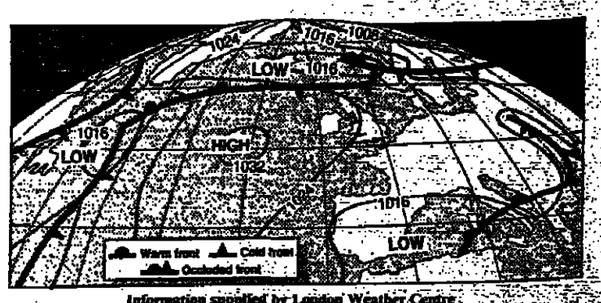
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Belfast	s	18	64	Guernsey	c	15	59
B'mngham	d	14	57	Inverness	f	15	59
Blackpool	f	18	64	Jersey	c	16	61
Bristol	r	16	61	London	c	16	61
Cardiff	c	18	64	M'nchester	c	15	59
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Glasgow	s	20	68	R'nldsway	c	17	63

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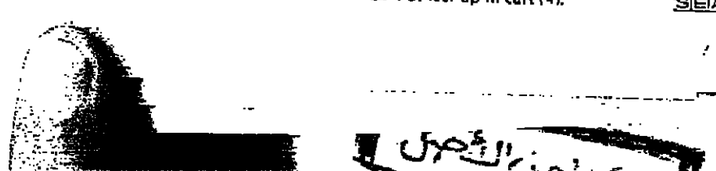
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Moon rises: 2.04 am — Moon sets: 8.22 pm
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THE TIMES

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1832.4 (–39.6)

FT-SE 100
2344.5 (–46.0)

Bargains
45720 (49371)

USM (Datastream)
213.48 (–1.98)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5950 (–0.0060)

W German mark
2.9723 (–0.0128)

Trade-weighted
72.6 (–0.3)

Hopes rise of rescuer for Hogg

The shares of Hogg Robinson, the insurance broker and travel agent which is currently the target of an unwanted, £282 million offer from the Trustee Savings Bank, recovered an early fall of 10p yesterday, to close 7p higher at 640p, as hopes rose of a possible counter-bid.

The talk in the market was that the final bid for Hogg could turn out to be as high as 800p a share. Its shares already stand 40p above the TSB's 600p bid. Next Monday, Hogg's shareholders will vote on the proposed demerger of the insurance side. Market report, page 20

Ward plea for delay rejected

Guinness yesterday defeated a High Court application by its former director Mr Thomas Ward, to delay enforcement of last Friday's ruling that he return £5.2 million to the company which it paid him after the Distillers takeover. He also had to pay £700,000 interest on the money and Guinness's legal costs.

Mr Ward's application was an attempt to defer enforcement of the judgment for the full amount until his appeal against the decision was heard.

RTZ loan

The European Investment Bank has approved a 17-year loan for the equivalent of £131 million to fund development of the Neves Corvo copper mine in southern Portugal.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2467.63 (–0.32)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	22702.74 (–375.62)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3380.41 (+26.63)
Amsterdam: Gen	319.8 (+0.3)
Sydney: AO	1961.4 (–11.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1952.2 (–6.5)
Brussels:	
General	5098.6 (+39.1)
Paris: CAC	404.5 (–3.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	562.60 (+2.20)
London: FT. A	1191.84 (–21.11)
FT. Gilts	89.54 (–0.82)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Carclo Eng.	884p (+21p)
McKechnie Bros.	371p (+13p)
Western Motor	433p (+21p)
Bunzl	264p (+10p)
Thompson T-Line	865p (+20p)
Fitzwilton	110p (+17p)
Conrad Holdings	258p (+153p)
Cons. Gold	1275p (+21p)
FALLS:	
Metal Box	268p (–14p)
Hawker Siddeley	571p (–17p)
FKI Electricals	171p (–17p)
United Scientific	309p (–30p)
Valor	375p (–19p)
GKN	361½p (–18½p)
Thorn EMI	755p (–20p)
Central TV	551p (–25p)
GUS 'A'	1392p (–28p)
Glaxo	1771p (–23p)
Prudential Corp.	1015p (–33p)
Stewart Wrightson	609p (–34p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 9⅜-9⅛%
3-month eligible bills: 8 15/16-8⅝% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6 15/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.69-5.68%*
30-year bonds 99⅛-99 25/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5950	£: $1.5955*
£: DM2.9723	$: DM1.8645*
£: SwFr2.4651	$: SwFr1.5475*
£: FFr9.8731	$: FFr6.2005*
£: Yen242.91	$: Yen152.35*
£: Index:72.6	$: Index:104.0
ECU £0.699388	SDR £0.787942

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $454.45 pm-$454.90
close $454.50-455.00 (£284.75-285.25)
New York:
Comex $454.40-454.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep.) pm $19.95bbl ($20.35)
* Denotes latest trading price

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BAA tenders average 290p

Applicants pay 45p over fixed price

By Ray Heath

Investors who tendered for shares in BAA put in average bids of 290p a share, compared with the fixed price offer of 245p. This was well above stock market expectations, although numerous applicants still failed to pitch the price high enough to receive an allocation.

The minimum price at which applicants receive all the shares tendered for – down to a minimum of 1,000 – was 283p. However, those applying at 282p are to receive 15.3 per cent of the amount bid for.

No striking price had been applied to the tender under the terms of the hybrid offer, described as a "resounding success" by Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, yesterday. Investors paid the price they bid, and shares were allocated in full from the highest bid down until the 125 million shares on offer were exhausted.

The number of tenders received was 88,800 but a spokesman for County NatWest, which acted as the government banker to the sale, said most were below the cut-off price of 282p.

Applications for more than 759 million shares were received, so the tender element of the offer was five times oversubscribed. The total demand for the 345 million shares available to the public in the fixed price and tender offers, after allowing for employees' shares and the firm placing with institutions, was 2,894 million, an oversubscription of 7.3 times.

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About 90 per cent, or more than 72,000 bids, are thought to have been rejected, although as multiple applications – outlawed in fixed-price issues – were allowed for the tender, fewer investors will be disappointed.

The early tenders were made at lower levels, indicating that investors were heavily influenced by advice from City analysts, who argued that the airport management group should be valued at a discount to the general market.

Later tenders were made at higher prices, reflecting institutional tactics of waiting until the last moment. The stock market was also rising strongly at the time, which would have encouraged investors to raise their bids.

County NatWest would not reveal how high the bids stretched. The large amount of rejections at below 282p, and the 290p average bid, suggest that many institutions tendered at well over £3 to ensure an allocation.

In the grey market yesterday, BAA shares traded at a premium of 45p, a 5p fall, reflecting the general slump in the market.

Textiles boost ATC interims

By Joe Joseph

A large contribution from the financial activities of Allied Textile Companies, the Huddersfield, Yorkshire, group, again accounted for a significant part of the improved half-year profits, announced yesterday.

The rise in taxable profits, however, from £3.10 million to £3.62 million in the six months to March was due almost entirely to ATC's textile interests.

Mr John Corrin, the chief executive, said: "Virtually the whole of the increase comes from the textile sector. But having said that, one would not expect the financial earnings for the whole of the year to be less than last year's £1.9 million."

Turnover increased from £28.05 million to £29.45 million and earnings per share were up from 8.84p to 10.52p. The half-time dividend is up from 3p to 3.4p.

The contribution to profits from ATC's investments and cash mountain is likely to be diluted this year by the recent acquisition of Bulmer & Lumb, the weaving, knitting and dyeing group based in Bradford, Yorkshire. Profits from Bulmer, which is being extensively reorganized, are expected to bolster ATC's profits in the second half.

ATC has earmarked more than £4 million for capital spending in 1987 and 1988, half of it on Bulmer.

ATC is also discussing further acquisitions. Mr Corrin said: "In one case in particular, we are well down the road and would hope to be able to say something by the end of August."

European call for airline inquiry

By Our City Staff

The European Economic Community Commission is considering investigating the planned merger between British Airways and its rival British Caledonian, according to a commission spokesman.

BEUC, the EEC's main consumer lobby group, yesterday asked Mr Peter Sutherland, the EEC commissioner for competition, to investigate the merger on the grounds that EEC rules prohibit abuses of a dominant position, which it said BA already has.

"A merger between BA and (British Caledonian) will lead to the creation of the biggest airline in the western world outside the United States," BEUC said.

The commission would examine whether there were grounds for an inquiry, its spokesman said. It could order changes to the takeover agreement or even block it if it found the merger would break EEC rules.

BEUC said that allowing BA to take over B-Cal's licences to fly between London and other EEC airports would go against efforts to ease access to Europe's air-transport market.

But commission sources said the case for an inquiry could be weakened by the fact that genuine free competition did not exist in European aviation.

20,000 new jobs planned over next five years

Record profits at Post Office

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Britain's "consistently profitable" Post Office, which yesterday unveiled record pretax trading profits up £3 million to £170 million, is on course to create 20,000 new full and part-time jobs over the next five years.

Sir Ron Dearing, the chairman, who announced his retirement at the end of September, said that in addition to the new jobs, he expected to see the number of letters posted grow by 25 per cent. The policy of keeping any rises in the cost of stamps below the level of inflation would be continued.

There would be no letter price increases this November, he said.

The results show that only the Post Office counters operation of the newly-separated four business centres failed to meet its target for 1986-87. The letters business made an operating profit of £76.4 million, parcels made £31.2 million, and Girobank an historical cost trading profit of £23.1 million. Counters recorded an operating loss of £10.7 million.

Sir Ron said the spate of strikes in the letters division was preventing the Post Office from reaching its target of delivering 90 per cent of all first-class letters by the next working day after collection.

The disputes, described by Mr Ken Young, the vice chairman, as "a rash of short-lived, local and unofficial disputes," were hurtful to workers and customers, as well as being in breach of the disputes procedure agreed with the Union of Communication Workers. More talks were taking place in London yesterday with Mr Alan Tuffin, the UCW general secretary.

Last year, the Post Office took on an additional 6,000 staff, of which 4,000 were full-time.

While some union branch officials claimed the Post Office was employing casual workers rather than paying overtime, Sir Ron said postal workers were working six hours a week overtime. A postman outside London earns gross pay of £189 a week including overtime and £18 a week productivity bonus. In London, where much of the wildcat strike action is occurring, weekly pay is £220.

Sir Ron said the 1980s had been good for the Post Office. Letters posted had increased by 25 per cent, and Girobank accounts had doubled to more than two million. The corporation had cut its unit costs in real terms by £340 million. "This is worth £1,800 a year for every person employed in the Post Office," he said.

"Letters productivity has increased by 16.7 per cent over five years and bonus payments to staff increased to £125 million a year, while the cost of posting letters in this country has been kept well in check. The price of a second class letter is still only half a penny more than it was five years ago."

Inland mail grew last year by 6.7 per cent, up by more than 800 million letters, and overall, Royal Mail handled 12.5 billion letters.

Last year, the Post Office exceeded its negative external finance limit and paid £102 million to the Treasury. This year, in recognition of higher investment plans, the EFL has been reduced to £57 million for posts and £29 million for Girobank. Capital spending for 1987-88 is set at £160 million, of which a quarter will be on computer technology.

Sir Ron revealed that the Post Office's new television licensing organization had led to a fall of 14 per cent in the number of licence evaders and an increase of 255,000 licences held, worth £13.5 million. Last year more than 175,000 people were convicted for evading the fee, a rise of 42 per cent.



Price promise: Sir Ron Dearing, retiring PO chairman

Solomon in £40m deal for Fairview

By Cliff Feltham

Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture conglomerate, is buying Fairview New Homes, the South-east based house-building group, in a deal worth close on £40 million.

Fairview specializes in building flats and houses priced between £40,000 and £90,000, and has 20 sites under development and a land bank of more than 2,500 plots. But the rising cost of building land in the South-east has made it necessary to join forces with a group with more financial muscle.

Mr Harry Solomon, the Hillsdown chairman, is buying Fairview for shares, 11.4 million are being placed at 300p by Kleinwort Benson with institutional investors of Hoare Govett and Rowe & Pitman. The price is £25.5 million with Hillsdown agreeing to repay a further £14 million in loans.

Fairview expects that pretax profits for the year just ended will be more than £7.5 million and shareholders' funds will be not less than £5.95 million.

Mr Dennis Cope, the managing director, said the company had been planning to float on the stock market in the autumn, but decided instead to join forces with Hillsdown. "Five years ago you could pick up land in the South-east for £200,000 an acre. Today it is £1 million an acre. Obviously we cannot fund this sort of business ourselves but with Hillsdown we will be able to do so and grow the company."

Mr Cope and his colleagues created the present operation five years when they broke away from the Frogmore Estates group. Hillsdown's own property interests – represented through its Rugby Securities offshoot – have grown substantially.

Mr Solomon has singled out the possible untapped property potential in Hillsdown's chain of 200 builders' merchants around the country, occupying land that could be suitable for development.

He said: "Fairview's strengths include an excellent existing management team – all of whom will be remaining with the company – and its ability to identify sites suitable for development and to acquire them at a reasonable price."

The acquisitive Hillsdown Holdings has embarked on a remarkable shopping spree since it was launched on the stock market in early 1985, buying up more than 50 companies in the last two years alone and boosting turnover to £1.3 billion. The company pulled off its biggest deal this month, acquiring the Canadian-based Maple Leaf Mills group for £169 million.

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Racal set to save £16m

By Colin Campbell

Racal Electronics, which is back on a rising growth track after years of disappointing profits performance, is set to save itself £16 million of pension contributions because of a well-funded scheme.

The pension fund holiday – which is becoming an increasing trend for several British companies – will be taken over two years and the positive impact on net earnings this year and in 1989 has led City analysts to upgrade even further their estimates of likely profits trends.

In spite of a weak stock market yesterday, Racal shares edged forward to 280.5p as analysts reaffirmed their following of the group which last month reported, after years of reorganization and rationalization, that pretax profits had risen above £100 million. The annual statement by Sir Ernest Harrison, the chairman is due early next week.



Sir Ernest Harrison: a two-year pension holiday

The surplus comes after a general reduction in Racal's labour force in recent years, though the "holiday" will not apply across the board. There are certain schemes within the group which came to Racal through its acquisition of other companies, and though the group employs 32,000 there are an estimated 12,000 who work outside the United Kingdom, and therefore do not fall under the British pension plan.

While the group is in the position not to have to make employer contributions for two years, it will however still provide benefit improvements to all the various schemes.

Lucas was a recent beneficiary of a pension fund holiday. Others include BTR, Bank of Scotland, Hoover, Boots and Metal Box. In addition, various county councils have been able to trim back rate increases because of similar holidays.

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Holiday firm cuts loss

By Alexandra Jackson

Results from Owners Abroad, covering the seasonally weak six months to the end of April, showed pretax losses of £3.6 million, but were in line with the company's expectations.

On a directly comparable basis, stripping out Arrowsmith Holidays and Air 2000, the pretax loss at £2.5 million was £783,000 lower than in the first half of the previous year.

The chairman, Mr Howard Klein, said that despite the industry's difficulties, Owners Abroad continued to trade well.

The group has been the subject of speculative attention following the departure of its founder and previous chairman, Mr Neil Scott.

The shares dropped 4p yesterday to 128.5p.

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Halfway house tax reform sought for husbands and wives

Treasury eyes turn to Budget

By David Smith,
Economics Correspondent

Tax reform is in the air. With the almost certain knowledge that the Chancellor is planning a tax-cutting Budget next March, including reductions in the higher rates, the speculation on what Mr Nigel Lawson's spring package will include is running ahead of what is possible.

Two related aspects to the tax discussions are taking place within the Treasury at present. The first concerns the precise method in which the higher rates of income tax will be reduced and, in particular, what offsets the Chancellor will introduce to balance the higher rate reductions.

The second is the longer-term reform of personal taxation, notably the tax treatment of husband and wife. The Treasury is searching for "halfway house" reform in this area, having received a resounding thumbs-down for the green paper proposals on transferable allowances.

These reforms will not be introduced until the Inland Revenue's computerization is on line in the early 1990s. But the next Budget will launch a further consultation process on husband and wife taxation, and any tax changes announced next March will aim to be consistent with the Treasury's preferred reform route.

The starting point for the present in-house discussions at the Treasury is the Chancellor's wish to see a top rate of income tax of not more than 50 per cent, and a basic rate of 25 per cent, compared with the current rates of 60 per cent and 27 per cent respectively.

Built around that aim, Treasury officials are considering a number of options, including the restricting of current reliefs on mortgage interest and pension contributions to the basic rate of income tax, the separate taxation of the investment income of husbands and wives and the restructuring of mortgage interest relief to apply to residences rather than individuals.

To take the latter point first. The number of people who benefit by living togetherand receiving more than one lot of mortgage interest relief on the same home is comparatively small.

Treasury figures estimated the number of people in this category, and having a combined mortgage of more than £30,000 – the present mortgage interest relief per individual – is about 100,000.

The cost of tax relief on shared mortgages is about £25 million a year, out of mortgage tax relief totalling about £5 billion.

Even though, there is evidence that it is growing, and that the Treasury may be ready to adopt the green paper proposal of allowing only one tax relief per home.

But the Treasury is unlikely to offer a compensation for those who lose out by raising the mortgage relief ceiling. As one Treasury official said: "Having got away without doing it in election year, we're hardly likely to do it in the next Budget."

The only argument that would cut much ice in the Treasury for raising the ceiling would be if it was combined with restricting mortgage tax relief to the basic rate of income tax.

In this general area of restricting mortgage tax reliefs to the basic rate, the Chancellor is aware that the best time to clean up the tax system in this way is when you are simultaneously offering cuts in the higher rates.

A package of this sort, as the Institute for Fiscal Studies has pointed out, has the desirable effect – from an incentive point of view – of reducing marginal tax rates without greatly reducing average tax rates.

There is a possibility that the Chancellor will tackle the treatment of investment income of husbands and wives in the next Budget, ahead of the meatier task of reforming the treatment of their earned income.

But to embark on this, the Treasury would need to be reasonably certain that it had arrived at an acceptable halfway house for the wider reform of husband and wife taxation.

One suggested option for investment income, using national insurance as a parallel income tax and applying it to investment as well as earned income, would destroy the contributory principle for national insurance which the Chancellor holds dear.

The present examination of tax reform options within the Treasury goes far beyond what is normal at this time of year. The danger is that what eventually emerges next March will, in the interests of political acceptability, be disappointingly dull.

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STOCK MARKET

Counter-bidder may snatch Hogg

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Dealers are bracing themselves for the possibility of a counter-bid for **Hogg Robinson**, the insurance broker and travel agent, currently the target of an unwanted £282 million bid from the Trustee Savings Bank.

Hogg Robinson's shares shrugged off an early 10p fall to finish 7p higher at a new peak of 640p in late trading yesterday despite the falls elsewhere in the market. They now stand 40p above the 600p being offered by the cash-rich TSB.

Whispers in the market are already suggesting a counter-offer – possibly as high as 800p a share – which would value Hogg at £365 million. Speculation was heightened yesterday by the news of a put-through earlier this week of 1.4 million Hogg shares, handled by Morgan Grenfell.

But the mystery bidder will have to move fast. Hogg's shareholders are voting on Monday for the proposed demerger of the group's insurance arm. Sir John Read, the TSB chairman, is insisting that a condition of his bid is that any plans for a demerger are scrapped. He has already lined up a deal to sell the insurance side to Dewey Warren, the insurance broker (where Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group owns a 42 per cent stake) and has no intention of seeing it slip through the back door.

Mr Christopher Huxley, an analyst at County NatWest, the broking arm of the NatWest Bank, believes that the TSB's 600p a share is difficult to quarrel with. But he adds: "The only way out for Hogg Robinson seems to be to seek a white knight – or, in this case, two white knights."

The rest of the equity market suffered its biggest-ever one-day fall in terms of points after being floored by the worst set of trade figures since last August, producing a deficit of £561 million. This, coupled with Monday's disappointing bank lending figures, increased fears that Britain's economy is overheating. Some dealers are worried by growing inflation and the prospect of dearer money.

● There was a whiff of burnt fingers about United Scientific Holdings yesterday, down by 27p to 312p. Thorn EMI has just bought a 4.1 per cent stake. Reports that Thorn was unlikely to make an aggressive bid have succeeded in flushing out the speculators.

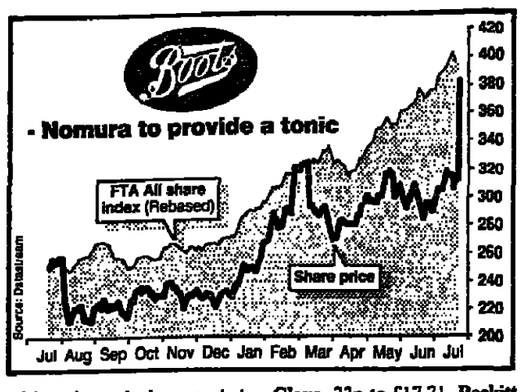
An early rally in the equity market proved short-lived with prices closing at their worst levels of the day. The FT index of 30 shares plunged by 39.6 points to 1,832.4 as more than £9 billion was wiped from the value of quoted companies. It has now fallen by 93.8 points (4.87 per cent) since last Thursday's record was achieved. The FT-SE 100 lost 46.0 points, falling to 2,344.5. The "Footsie" has now fallen by 98.9 points since its peak last week.

Market-makers had to box clever yesterday with most of them anxious not to get too heavily involved. Dealers fear that the slide may resume when trading starts today as the account draws to a close and the July traded options expire.

Among the leaders, double-figures losses were seen with **ICI** down 15p at £14.98, **Glaxo**, 23p to £17.71, **Reckitt & Colman**, 30p to £11.46 and **BOC Group**, 20p to 512p. It was a sea of red among the top 100 companies with only six of them managing to close higher on the day.

Worries about the economy put the pound again under pressure and also took its toll of gilts. Losses at the longer end stretched to almost £2.

A big review of **Boots**, the high street chemist, is due to drop on fund managers' desks any day now. Nomura Securities, the important Tokyo securities house, which has produced the tome, is clearly still a fan of the shares. Dr Banerji, a pharmaceuticals analyst at Nomura, has been a long-time admirer of the Boots management, is impressed with the company's developments in the drugs field and also the manner in which the restructuring of its retailing operations has been undertaken.



Analysts have recently suggested that Boots' core businesses, both industrial and retail, are now firing on all cylinders. The management is optimistic about the prospects for two of the potentially largest contributors to profits – the Flosequinan heart drug on the industrial side and its edge-of-town Children's World stores at the retail level.

The group is continuing to pour money into research and development and more recently has made a breakthrough in anti-depressants with a drug called Prothiaden.

● Two British companies are being tipped as shares to watch over the next 12 months by Shearson Lehman Securities, the US broker. They are Hanson Trust, down 5.5p at 182p, and Hawley Group, 3.5p lower at 161p, the only British names to appear in a list of 10 dominated by US equities.

Flosequinan is unlikely to contribute to profits until 1988-89 at the earliest, but strong earnings growth for the rest of the group is in prospect and the shares look attractive.

Boots rose to 312p initially, then closed 7p lower at 303p on a turnover of nearly 9 million shares.

Also in the stores sector, **Storehouse**, which embraces Habitat Mothercare and British Home Stores, lost the previous day's speculative gain of 12p, at 311p, as more than 9 million shares changed hands.

Some dealers still believe that an ASDA/MFI-type break-up is on the cards.

Dealings in **Conrad Holdings**, the exhibition, design and construction company, were resumed and, from the suspended level of 102p, the shares raced away to finish at 255p.

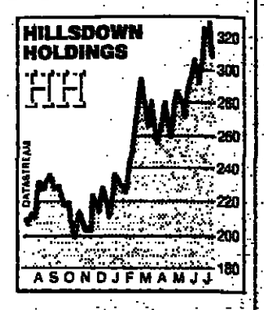
Investors have given their approval to the recent financial restructuring of the company which has resulted in Mr David Thompson, who recently resigned as joint chairman of Hillsdown Holdings, paying £1.25 million for an 18 per cent stake in the company. He and Mr Roger Abraham, a managing director of Chase Investment Bank, hold just over 36 per cent of the equity.

Capital Radio, London's independent station, eased 3p to 175p despite the news that Mr Owen Oyston, the Lancashire businessman, has acquired a 5.4 per cent stake in the company. Mr Oyston hit the headlines recently when he launched a rescue package for the ailing *News on Sunday*, the troubled, left-of-centre newspaper.

TEMPUS

Building profit at Hillsdown

It looks like becoming another routine week for hyperactive Hillsdown Holdings, which yesterday bought Fairview, the housebuilder, in a deal worth almost £40 million.



This follows a joint venture with a European distribution and packaging company and the purchase of a small Dutch fresh fruit and vegetable operation. This month Hillsdown launched its biggest acquisition yet – the £168 million purchase of the Canadian Maple Leaf Mills foods and bakeries group.

What started life as a food group has expanded into timber, furniture, stationery and property. Last year, property, through Rugby Securities, chipped in about 7 per cent of group profits and the board has been keen to expand.

While mainly involved in commercial developments, Hillsdown now has a stake in Fairview's bread-and-butter residential building in the South-east. Hillsdown has about 200 builders' merchants around the country, which could also be sitting on developable land.

The sheer pace of Hillsdown's acquisition policy – buying more than 50 companies in two years and turning itself into a £1.3 billion business – has exceeded the ability of the stock market to appreciate fully the potential for growth. Inevitably, its followers have pleaded that the shares are undervalued.

They have performed poorly, partly because of the hefty share placing by co-founder David Thompson.

But Hillsdown has bought shrewdly, and forecasts that earnings per share growth could average at least 20 per cent over the next five years without further acquisitions do not look wide of the mark.

The shares, down 2p at 305p yesterday, may not be the most exciting. But they could be due for a pick-up.

Racal Electronics

Racal Electronics' two-year pension fund holiday, which will probably save it £16 million over the period, is the kind of news that stock market affairs are made of.

Racal had already started to win back the hearts and minds of the City with much improved 1987 results, announced in June, which led to a general upgrading of profit forecasts. Now those forecasts can be raised even further, given the certainty that the cost benefits of having a pension fund in surplus will flow through to the profit and loss account.

It now only needs confirmation that Racal, in partnership with British Telecom, has won through on the British digital cellular franchises – eventual profits of which will make last year's group pretax profits of £100.3 million look like peanuts – to send Racal shares on to even higher ground.

Such news may not be too long in coming. Yesterday, in an otherwise bloody stock market, Racal shares advanced ½p to 280½p.

The shares, on improved profit estimates of £154 million this year and £203 million the next, now offer a price earnings ratios of 17.5 and 13.3, respectively.

The chairman's statement next week should underscore the positive tone within Racal and medium-term, the shares still look cheap.

Flare for holidays

No summer would be complete without horror stories of holiday companies going bust, leaving people disappointed at home and abroad. The industry remains a battleground, but attractive spoils remain for those with the imagination to form a diversified business.

Owners Abroad is one such, spreading its risk with a finger in assorted pies of seat wholesaling, package holidays and aircraft charter.

Seat wholesaling keeps it close to the heart-beat of the big operators and promotes flexibility in its own package business.

And its promising niche tour business is less vulnerable to cut-throat discounting. Even Sunstart, its "pile 'em high, sell 'em cheap," tours are so cheap that others find them hard to undercut.

Air 2000, the newly-formed airline charter, has not yet won its spurs, but should soon be contributing to profits.

Takeover talk and other activities have pushed the price ahead of events. A bid remains a possibility although Owners' experienced and motivated management – one of its principal strengths – may not relish the prospect of being part of a larger group.

Half of the expected 1986-87 £2 million profits increase to about £7 million will come from new businesses, but the underlying trend confirms that the group is moving in the right direction.

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) – After Tuesday's drop, shares slid further in early trading yesterday, giving up a small, opening gain. Some analysts reported that small losses in the US Treasury securities market weighed on shares.

However, others said that the market was looking for excuses to make a further, downward correction to this year's rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 4 points to 2,463.95. The market was also worried about a confrontation with Iran in the Gulf.

On Tuesday, the Dow average closed 19.77 lower at 2,467.95.

	Jul 21	Jul 20		Jul 21	Jul 20		Jul 21	Jul 20
AMR Cp	59¼	60¾	Firestone	43½	44	Pepsico	38¾	38¾
ASA	62¾	62	Fst Chicago	29¼	30½	Pfizer	71⅛	72⅝
Aetna Life	59	59¼	Fst Int Bncp	59	59⅜	Phelps Dod	42¾	42¾
Allied Signal	44	44⅜	Fst Penn C	9¾	9⅝	Philip Mor	95⅝	96⅝
Alls. Chkn	2⅛	2⅛	FT Wachva	38	38	Philip Ptrl	17¾	18⅛
Alcoa	57	56½	Ford Motor	105⅜	106½	Polaroid	31⅝	32
Amax Inc	24¾	24¾	GAF Cp	54	55	Primerica	41⅛	40⅜
AMR Hess	40¾	41¼	GTE Cp	38½	38⅛	Proct Gble	91⅛	91⅞
Am Brands	49¼	49⅝	Gcn Cp	108¾	109½	Pub Svc Eg	37¾	37⅝
Am Cynmd	49¾	52¼	Gn Dynam	68¼	68¼	Raytheon	78¼	78⅛
Am Ele Pwr	27	27½	Gen Electric	55	55¼	Rynlds Metl	49¾	48⅝
Amexs	33½	32¼	Gen Inst	36½	37¾	Rockwell Int	26¾	27⅛
Am Home	86	85½	Gen Mills	52¾	54⅛	Royal Dutch	137½	37¾
Am Motors	4⅜	4¼	Gen Motors	83¾	83⅛	SFE Sopac	53	50⅝
Am Stand	48¾	48⅝	Gen Pub Ut	25⅛	26	Sara Lee	43	44
Am Telph	30⅛	31	Genesco	5¾	5⅝	Schlumb	48¼	50⅜
Amoco Cp	86⅝	87½	Georgia Pac	40⅞	40½	Scott Pap	74½	75⅝
Armco Steel	13	13⅜	Gillette	41⅛	41¼	Sengram	77⅝	78⅜
Asarco Inc	30⅛	30¼	Goodrich	52⅜	52⅞	Sears Roeb	51¾	51⅞
Ashland Oil	67½	67½	Goodyear	68⅛	69¼	Shell Trans	94½	93⅝
Atl Richfld	96	97⅛	Gould Inc	20¾	20¾	Singer	44¼	46
Avon Prod	35⅝	34¾	Grace Co	65	64¾	Smith Beck	66⅛	66⅞
Bk Boston	32¾	32⅛	Grt As Pac	38¾	39½	Sony Cp	27	27⅛
Bank NY	40¾	41¾	Greyhnd	40¾	40⅛	Sth Cal Ed	30¼	30⅝
Bankamer	11⅛	11¾	Grumman	28½	28¾	SW Bell	35	35⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	47¼	48½	Gulf & West	84¼	85⅝	Squibb	88⅝	89
Beth Steel	17⅛	18⅝	Heinz	48	47⅝	Sterl Drug	61	62⅝
Boeing	47¾	47⅛	Hercules	65¾	66	Stevens JP	48¼	48⅝
Boise Casc	73¾	73½	Hewlett Pk	60¼	61¾	Sun Comp	66¾	68⅝
Borden	57⅝	57¾	Honeywell	83¾	84½	TRW Inc	86	85⅝
Borg Warnr	45⅝	45½	IC Ind	37⅞	36¾	Teledyne	360	360⅝
Bristl Meyr	49½	49¾	ITT Cp	61¾	61⅝	Tenneco	50⅝	51⅜
BP	75	76	INCO	19⅝	20	Texaco	45⅜	45⅜
Brunswick	24¾	24¾	Ing Rand Wi	35¾	36⅛	Tex Eastn	38¾	39
Burl Ind	75¾	76	Inland Steel	31⅞	32	Texas Inst	61¾	63⅛
Burl Nth	78¾	78⅞	IBM	162⅝	164⅝	Tex Util	31¾	32⅜
CBS	183½	183⅜	Int Paper	45⅝	46⅜	Textron	37	37⅛
CMS Engy	16¼	15¾	Irving Bk	48⅜	48⅞	Travelers	44½	44⅝
CPC Int	50¾	53	Jhsn & Jhsn	93⅜	93⅝	USG	36¼	36⅜
CSX Cp	36⅛	36⅜	K Mart	43½	43¾	USX Cp	36⅝	37⅜
Cmpbell Sp	63⅜	63⅛	Kaisertech	21⅞	22⅛	Unilever Plc	44½	45
Can Pacific	22⅞	22⅞	Kerr McGee	39	39⅛	Un Carbide	28⅝	29⅜
Caterpillar	61½	62¼	Kimbrly Clrk	54⅞	54⅝	Un Pac Cp	79⅜	80⅜
Centrl SW	30⅜	31⅛	Kraft	59⅝	60⅜	Unisys Cp	127¼	28⅜
Champion	35⅜	36	Kroger	39¾	40¾	Utd Brands	39¾	40⅜
Chase Man	41⅜	41⅛	LTV Cp	4⅜	5	Utd Tech	52⅜	54⅜
Chem NY	40⅝	41	Litton	103	104	Unocal	41⅝	42
Chevron	61⅛	62⅛	Lockheed	55⅝	56	Walter Jim	57⅛	57⅞
Chrysler	38⅝	37⅞	Lucky Str	32¼	32⅝	Warn Lamb	77⅛	78¾
Cibcorp	59¼	58¼	Man H'nver	43⅜	44	Wells Far	53¾	53⅜
Clark Eq	27⅜	28⅛	Manville	3⅛	3⅜	Westg El	65⅛	65⅜
Coca Cola	45¼	45⅜	Mapco	56¾	57	Weyerhsr	48⅛	48⅜
Colgate	48¼	49¾	Marine Mid	75¼	75¾	Whirlpool	34⅜	34
Columb Gas	47⅞	48	Mt Marietta	47	46¾	Woolworth	56½	56
Cmb'n Eng	40⅜	40¼	Masco	32⅛	33¾	Xerox Cp	75⅝	76
Cmwlth Edi	31⅞	32⅝	Mcdonalds	52¼	51⅞	Zenith	26¾	27
Cons Edis	43¼	43½	McDonnell	72½	73¾			
Consol Ng	45⅞	44¼	Mead Cp	37¼	37			
Cont Data	28½	28½	Merck	179¾	182			
Comng Gl	66	62¾	Minnis Mng	69½	70¾	CANADIAN PRICES		
Crane	28⅜	29¼	Mobil	53¼	54⅜			
Curtiss Wrt	63¼	63¾	Monsanto	88⅝	89½	Agnico Eag	35½	35¾
Data Genl	30⅜	30½	Morgan Jp	47¼	47⅛	Alcan Alum	44½	45¾
Deere Co	32¾	33	Motorola	55	55¼	Algoma Stl	19	18¾
Delta Air	53¼	54¾	NCR	75	77	Can Pacific	29¾	29¾
Detroit Edi	15⅝	15⅝	NL Indstrs	9⅝	9¼	Cominco	19¾	20¾
Digital Eq	166	165¼	Nat Distil	70¾	71¼	Con Bathrst	19¾	20
Disney	69	69¼	Nat Md Ent	27½	27⅜	Hawk S Can	28¼	28½
Dow Chem	87¾	87¾	Nat Semi	13¾	13¾	Hud Bay M	24¼	24¾
Dressr Ind	32¾	34½	Norfolk Sth	32¾	34	Imasco	35¾	35¾
Dupont	124¾	126¾	NW Bancrp	42¾	42¾	Imperial Oil	75	75¾
Duke Pwr	43¾	43¾	Occid Petl	38	38¼	Inf Pipe	55¾	55¾
East Kodak	88¼	89¾	Ogden Cp	33¾	34¾	Royl Trstco	18	17¾
Eaton Cp	96¾	97¾	Olin Cp	52½	53	Seagram	102¾	106
Emerson El	109¾	110⅛	PPG Ind	46¾	47¾	Shelco 'A'	27¾	28⅛
Emery Air	14¾	15¼	Pac Gas El	18⅞	19¾	Thmsn N 'A'	33	33¾
Exxon	94	94⅜	Pan Am	4¾	5⅛	Varity Cp	3.30	3.30
Farah Inc	15⅝	15⅞	Penney JC	55¼	56⅜	WCT	19¾	19
Fedders	9½	9½	Pennzoil	78⅝	79	Weston	43¾	44¼

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The price of a second class letter is still only a halfpenny more than it was five years ago, and overall our inland letter prices are more than 11p in the pound lower in real terms, taking into account the cost of living, compared with five years ago.

We put a major effort into improving our overseas letters and parcels services during the year and this has been reflected in the enhanced standard of service we were able to give. We began a programme of action to improve further our letters service in the United Kingdom. We are continuing that in the present year with a further investment of £15m to improve service standards. For example, we are arranging extra daily calls from the postman to another 400,000 addresses at a time when most Post Offices in other countries have abandoned the second delivery as too costly.

In our post offices, too, we began a drive to improve service. Important to this is action on an agreement we have reached with our main union for the progressive introduction of part-time workers to help us cover peak periods. We made further progress with a programme of improvements to Counters' premises on which we spent another £6m last year. We expect, and are determined to see, further improvements in the year ahead.

In our bank, we have introduced a range of new services which include mortgages, high-interest deposit accounts and new insurance services. In addition to more than 160 automated teller machines of our own, Girobank customers can now use the cash dispensing machines of other partners in the LINK organisation.

Royal Mail Parcels has launched its Business Programme which includes a charter setting out its commitment to provide the highest level of service, and offers a wide range of discounts and other benefits.

Another investment for the long term was the reorganisation of our activities into individual businesses. Each has a strong marketing department and has created its own customer care units to make sure that our customers have their own special representative in the businesses.

We intend in the year ahead to improve our services further, and to develop them to provide what you want at a price you think it is fair to pay.

Yours faithfully.

Ron Dearing

Sir Ron Dearing
Chairman

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Only 30% return likely for Electra investors

By Lawrence Lever

The poor performance of the Electra Risk Capital 1 fund came under renewed scrutiny at a meeting of investors in London yesterday. The fund, launched in 1981 under the Government's Business Start-up Scheme, which gave tax relief to investors in certain unquoted companies, has performed disastrously.

Electra — a subsidiary of the Electra Investment Trust — raised £8.6 million from the public for the fund. This was invested in 32 unquoted companies.

The latest report shows that only nine companies remain in the fund. The other 23 have either gone into liquidation or sold for nominal amounts.

Only £2 million out of the £8.6 million worth of investments is left. The value of investors' shares in the fund has plunged from £2,500 to £300. The most they can hope for is that 30 per cent of their investment will be returned when the fund is finally liquidated.

Electra Investment Trust has net assets of more than £400 million and is well known for its expertise in selecting unquoted companies for investment. It has blamed the Eric 1 performance partly on the restrictive rules of the BSS, which was limited to start-up companies and subsequently replaced by the Business Expansion Scheme.



Investment challenge: Michael Stoddart, Electra chairman

While two of the remaining companies in Eric 1 are producing healthy profits, many others are in serious financial difficulties.

Investors challenged Mr Michael Stoddart, the chairman of Electra Investment Trust, about the level of remuneration earned by Electra for managing the fund and asked whether Electra had exercised share options on any of the only two successful investments in the fund.

In fact, the fund has been equally disastrous for Electra, consuming a disproportionate amount of management time for little reward. In addition, Electra has waived its entitlement to exercise its share options on the companies remaining in the fund.

But the fund's largest remaining investment, accounting for almost £700,000 of the £2 million left in the fund, may go into liquidation because it has not yet been able to secure the additional finance it needs.

Mr Stoddart said: "The alternatives are to seek an industrial partner, or failing that, liquidation."

To compound matters it appears that investors are in serious danger of not receiving tax relief in respect of this company. "We are not sanguine about our negotiations with the Inland Revenue," Mr Stoddart said.

Other investors said "a fundamental failure" of Eric 1 was that it did not have non-executive directors on the boards of all of its investee companies; another referred to "the rather sad situation" of investors in the fund. Yet another said the information contained in the report of the investments in the fund "made pretty ghastly reading."

Lord Rockley, the Kleinwort Benson corporate financier who is an investor in Eric 1, said after the meeting that he had originally considered it "a nice, simple way of spreading risk."

He added it was "quite an achievement" for Electra to lose three-quarters of the companies it had invested in.

Airlines seek merger pledge

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Alan Snudden, chairman of Monarch Airlines, is urgently seeking allies among the country's independent operators in the fight to ensure that the proposed British Airways merger with British Caledonian does not force other airlines out of Gatwick.

Monarch plans to present its case against the £237 million merger plan at a news conference at the Savoy, in London, tomorrow, with Britannia Airways, the biggest independent offering support. Orion Airways is also likely to be represented.

For some time before the merger plan, B-Cal had been trying to have its scheduled flights out of Gatwick given precedence over the charter business of the independents.

But the Luton-based Monarch, like other independents, has opposed such moves, and is seeking assurances that the merger will not open the way for the "mega-carrier" to dominate Gatwick and Heathrow.

A spokesman for Britannia, which carried more than 5 million passengers last year, said Gatwick was effectively the independents' local airport for the South-east, given BA's dominance at Heathrow.

About 62 per cent of Gatwick's total international traffic was charter business, and the independents wanted assurances that it would stay that way.

Monarch is due to make its submissions about the merger to Office of Fair Trading tomorrow.

Another fear voiced by some independents is that operators such as Virgin Atlantic, owned by Mr Richard Branson, and Air Europe, owned by Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group, could back the proposed BA/B-Cal link-up to carve out specific benefits for themselves.

Mr Goodman has formally applied to the Civil Aviation Authority for the revocation of all B-Cal licences on European and domestic routes, in the hope of having them reallocated to Air Europe. Mr Branson has also expressed the hope that Virgin could obtain new routes after the merger.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, is expected to make his first public comments about the merger at today's presentation of the authority's annual report.

COMMENT

BAA turns investment into pin money for all

County NatWest's innovative ideas for a three-way scheme for privatizing BAA certainly looked appealing on paper. The smaller investor would still be offered a simple deal. The institutions would receive some shares via a placing and could build up a realistic allocation by backing their judgement through the tender section of the offer.

Use of the tender system has allowed the Treasury to gain an extra £56 million that might otherwise have gone to small-time speculators, the Government points out, though critics could as well say that a more realistic fixed price could have been set. In retrospect, however, the flotation as a whole does not seem to have worked out well.

The portfolio investor who had built up self-confidence through previous flotations, and might be expected to form the backbone of the long-term private shareholder register, has largely been frozen out by the decision to disallow all fixed-price applications for more than 1,000 shares — an initial investment of just £1,000. This eliminated some 300,000 people. At the same time, such investors have been discouraged from applying through the tender system by the unusual anti-abuse rule that anyone applying at the cut-off price or above must pay what they bid.

Formally, the need to spread the shares as widely as possible among small investors has been realized. Some 2 million will be allocated shares. But they will receive only 100 each. There will, therefore, be the greatest incentive to make a guaranteed, small profit in the market. There is remarkably little incentive to wait to pay the second instalment next year for what would still be an investment too small to regard as significant, long-term capital.

This is surely creating the worst image for privatization issues as an investment. The impression is fostered that they simply offer guaranteed pin-money as you sell your tiny allocation to the institutions.

Mass sales by the casual investor will be a blessing in some ways, however. For it would make administrative nonsense for BAA to have a share register totalling 2 million, each owning so few shares that they could cost more in administration than dividends.

Privatization has almost become too popular for its own good, with millions opting for an almost guaranteed profit, regardless of the size of the issue. Such a body of short-term investors, if not put off, will be useful for big flotations such as the electricity industry, as well as the impending government sale of BP shares. But the tide of people sensibly offering 75p for £1 makes nonsense of smaller privatization issues such as BAA. The problem is tricky, but the system used to float BAA is clearly not a solution.

Trade figures frightener

For all those who enjoy horror stories, the May trade figures, delayed by industrial action until their launch on an unsuspecting market yesterday, made riveting reading. On the Richter scale which is applied to these things, the figures registered somewhere between straightforward disaster and "time to turn back from the airport, Chancellor."

Visible trade was in deficit by £1.16 billion, a deterioration of more than £600 million compared with April. The current account deficit, the first splash of red ink this year, was £561 million. Import volumes jumped by 4.6 per cent, while export volumes slumped by 4.8 per cent.

The word "fluke" was popularly used to describe the figures in Whitehall yesterday. And, indeed, the one-month turnaround implied by the figures is so sharp as to suggest that something odd was happening.

If the figures do signal the start of a new trend, then the trend is a highly disturbing one, and yesterday's shocked reaction in the markets may have been perfectly appropriate.

Gilts lost two points at the long end, with some of the wilder spirits in the money markets talking of a rise in base rates to 10 per cent next week. That is unlikely given the amount of reserves at the Bank's disposal to use against any pressure on sterling — and a smidgeon of these may have been used yesterday afternoon — but the prospect of higher rates at some stage over the next few months is a very real one.

There were elements in the May trade figures which were erratic. Certainly it would be surprising if exports and imports showed monthly changes from their new levels of the sort they displayed between April and May.

It does appear that the much vaunted second-half worsening of the current account has come through, albeit a little earlier than most expected. In the first five months of the year, the current account was in surplus by £202 million. On the consensus forecast (and that of the Treasury) there will have to be quite a lot more monthly deficits to produce the expected full-year deficit.

And with Britain growing faster than the other major countries, consumer demand being topped up daily and industry importing machinery to re-equip, there is no reason to suppose that May's disaster, however hard it was to swallow, will be the only one of the summer.

Goodman Bros to buy GMG

By Our City Staff

Goodman Brothers, the loss-making women's clothes designer and manufacturer, is buying GMG Holdings, which runs a large chain of shops in Britain supplied by Benetton, the Italian fashion house.

Goodman is paying for the purchase with 9 million new shares, but is also raising just over £1 million from a one-for-six rights issue at 42.5p a share. The 3.15 million share rights issue is conditional on completion of the acquisition.

GMG is owned by the family interests of Mr Gerry Goodman — who is not related to Goodman Brothers — and Investors in Industry (Jersey). Profits last year more than doubled to £311,000 on turnover of £6.4 million.

Goodman Brothers yesterday announced that it had cut its losses in the year to April to £43,000 from £234,000, on turnover down from £9.97 million to £5.29 million.

Advisers for power sale to be named

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary, is about to appoint two sets of advisers to help evolve a new structure for the electricity supply industry when it is privatized, almost certainly before the next election.

After competition from more than a dozen merchant banks, one will be chosen to vet the various possible structures and advise on whether, and at what price, the various packages could be sold to the public. The winner will not necessarily advise on the privatization issues.

A firm of consulting electrical engineers will also be appointed to advise on the technical feasibility of various schemes for competing electricity generators or combinations of generation and distribution companies, especially for the working of the national grid.

The appointments underline the Government's present open-minded approach to the form of privatization. A series of possible solutions that introduce some competition are being considered. But the disposal will also be vital to maintaining the Treasury's ambitious targets for asset sales.

Only a straightforward sale of the Central Electricity Generating Board and the area distribution boards in one monolithic company effectively has been ruled out, though that would raise the most money. Even so, electricity is likely to be the biggest privatization ever undertaken.

Mr Parkinson plans to complete proposals for a new structure by the end of the year, to allow time for the complex Bill that will be necessary to pave the way for privatization.

This is planned to be introduced during the 1988-89 parliamentary session with a view to privatizing the industry during the life of the new government.

Courtaulds controls lace maker

By Michael Tate

Courtaulds is buying control of DLR Textiles (Desseilles) in a move to establish itself as a leader in the international market for lace clothing.

The acquisition of an 83.3 per cent holding in Desseilles forms part of an £8 million investment programme focusing on its Long Eaton Fabric offshoot, the only vertically structured knitting and dyeing operation in Britain.

The investment programme also involves the proposed acquisition of the minority stake in LEF and the purchase of Laces & Textiles, Britain's second-largest lace manufacturer. Discussions have reached an advanced stage.

Desseilles, based at Calais, is a world leader in lace design and sells in more than 50 countries. Annual sales are £22 million, of which 50 per cent are exports, with Japan and Italy being the largest markets.

Lawson calls for action on debt

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, yesterday called for market-orientated action on international debt.

In a speech to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Overseas Development, he rejected solutions to the debt crisis which relied solely on government action.

Such schemes, he said, "boil down, directly or indirectly, to the taxpayers bailing out the banks. To do this would not only be a misuse of public money, it would also encourage bad banking."

But the Chancellor welcomed recent action by the banks on debt provisioning. "In the immediate future, at least, this increase in provisioning is bound to mean a significant cost to the taxpayer, since more tax releif will be due to the banks."

And, he added : "Large though the tax cost is likely to be, I unhesitatingly commend the way the banks are now dealing with the debt problem on their books. By strengthening their balance sheets, and increasing provisioning, they are moving further down the road from involuntary lending back to lending based on proper commercial decisions.

The middle-income debtor countries of Latin America, with the greatest overseas indebtedness, are in a position to pull their economies around and reduce the debt burden, he said.

This required the right economic policies, allowing markets to operate more freely and cutting back "bloated" state sectors.

The plight of the poor countries of sub-Saharan Africa, with an average gross national product per head of only $280, was different, Mr Lawson said. He urged the adoption of the three-point plan he put forward in Washington last April and designed to help these countries. Action was needed now, Mr Lawson said, on converting aid loans into grants; longer repayment periods with generous grace periods on other loans; and reducing interest rates payable on loans to well below market levels.

Massive cuts at Shearson?

City slickers who paused for an after-work drink last night were agog at as yet unconfirmed reports that Shearson Lehman, the giant US securities dealer now owned by American Express, was on the brink of making almost a third of its London workforce redundant. Shearson spokesman Tom Clohesy refused to confirm or deny stories that the firm was about to axe as many as 400 of the 1,400 staff it employs here. "I am not denying it," he told me. Shearson, which owns the London stockbroker L Messel & Co, is known to have been an unhappy ship for some months. A recent policy decision to do away with specialist salesmen has led to a number of top-level departures and the withdrawal from market-making in certain stocks and sectors prompted its property team led by Gareth Evans to announce, only two weeks ago, that it was moving to rival firm Chase Manhattan.

● **A Finnish-born press officer at car manufacturer Renault bears the unfortunate name of Yorio Kaasik.**

Tidy package

The £7.3 million Ernest Ascher is about to collect for his 78 per cent shareholding in United Packaging — which he has just sold to Tyzack Turner — would make a tidy retirement nest-egg. But is the 77-year-old entrepreneur planning to retire? Perish the thought. "If I stopped work now I would grow old," he tells me. Ascher, who arrived here from Germany in 1936 with just 10 marks in his pocket, says he tried retirement once, 17 years ago, and went off to live in Switzerland. "After six months I couldn't stick it any more." Tyzack Turner has promised him a two-year service contract, he says. "By then I'll be almost 80 and we'll look at it again."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sound in your pocket

As if the invasion of the portable telephone into restaurants and trains was not bad enough, we will soon have to suffer the additional irritation of "a shrill buzzer" rung by yet another electronic pocket device. The latest craze on Wall Street, the Pocket Message Centre, is about to be launched here by Mercury and will sell for £235 a time. Capable of storing up to 16 messages at a time, it can be linked into a computerised "Stock Watch" system, and programmed to emit bleeps whenever certain share prices begin to move beyond set limits. Could turn out to be something of a saviour, could it not, for old school stalwarts of the fast-fading loug City lunch?

Get well soon, Joe

On behalf of the thousands of commuters within the Square Mile — most of whom have at some time or another run to catch a moving train — I am sending a magnum of Krug champagne to Ivan "Joe" Perry, the Smith New Court market maker who lost a leg after an accident while attempting just such a feat on East Croydon Station in May. Joe, aged 56, hopes to return to work within the next few months. "He has been doing a lot of reading and writing and is fairly cheerful about it all," says his wife Pat. We wish him a speedy recovery.



Pouting Porsche

The advent of the yuppie, post-Big Bang depression and a 29 per cent price increase last year, are the explanations given by Porsche for the dramatic reduction in sales of their cars during the first six months of 1987. Figures leaked to *Motor* magazine show that, in the six months to June, 1,571 Porsche cars were registered in Britain, compared with 2,108 during the same period last year. Porsche, whose cheapest car now sells for almost £20,000, denies that the Porsche bubble may have burst. Claiming that the cars now sell to a narrower market, a spokesman tells the magazine: "Yuppies do not buy Porsches because they do not have the money. They are people who aspire to buy Porsches. Our potential buyers are people between 35 and 45 and they are achievers — often managing directors or partners of small, highly successful businesses." Depressing it might be, but Porsche-owners are, clearly, too old to be yuppies.

● **Perhaps observant John O'Toole, a producer with the Public Broadcasting System in the US, should drop a line to Britain's leading brewers. Shattering American illusions about jovial English pubs, he is quoted in the *Washington Post* as saying: "There are no taverns like the ones in the beer commercials, full of handsome macho guys who talk and laugh a lot. In real taverns people tend to look depressed and stare straight ahead — often you can't even see their belts."**

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A market in progress

Rural Planning comes to USM

By Joe Joseph

Rural Planning Services, capitalizing on the booming market for environmentally-sensitive construction projects that blend in with the landscape and try to leave wildlife and flora intact, yesterday came to the Unlisted Securities Market via a placing which values the company at £4.5 million.

RPS, which draws almost half its business from government agencies and another chunk from Britain's top housebuilders, is hoping a listing will give it the profile and financial muscle to speed up its growth and acquire consultants in related fields.

Pretax profits in 1986 were £185,000 on turnover of £723,000, and the directors are forecasting profits of £425,000 this year.

"There is a growing and massive demand for our services," said Mr Alan Hearne, the managing director, explaining that development projects increasingly need to be environmentally sensitive to be granted planning permission. "We are in the right place at the right time to take advantage of the shift in government policy."

RPS takes on a range of business. It advises developers such as Wates, Bovis and Wimpey, has given advice on several new town developments, including Harlow and Stevenage, designed road schemes such as the A12 Chelmsford bypass, and carried out rural environment studies for the European Economic Community and World Bank, among others.

RPS has 40 projects in progress, with the largest a flood alleviation scheme around Maidenhead, Berkshire being prepared for the Thames Water Authority.

Yesterday's placing of 1.43 million shares at 70p each gives forecast earnings per share of 4.6p for 1987 and a prospective price earnings multiple of 15.2 times.

New Zealand approves entry of foreign banks

From Richard Long
Wellington

The New Zealand government last night granted Barclays and seven other financial institutions from Australia, the United States, France, Canada and Hong Kong approval to operate in New Zealand as trading banks.

The announcement by the Reserve Bank marked another step in the deregulatory path being followed by Mr Roger Douglas, the finance minister.

The New Zealand banking scene has been dominated by four trading banks – the Australian Westpac and ANZ banks, the National Bank, owned by Britain's Lloyds Bank, and the largely state-owned Bank of New Zealand.

Mr Douglas recently caused a storm in the Labour left-wing by approving the public sale of shares in the Bank of New Zealand.

The successful institutions that will enter the New Zealand banking scene are: Barclays NZ (United Kingdom), the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hong Kong), Citibank NA (US), Indosuez (France), Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce NZ (Canada), NZI Financial Corporation (New Zealand), Macquarie Bank (Australia) and Broadbank Corporation, a subsidiary of the National Australia Bank.



Douglas: 'competition good for banking industry'

Mr Spencer Russell, the Reserve Bank governor, said the new registrations included some of the largest banks in the world. This additional competition and experience could only be good for the banking industry and New Zealand, he added.

There was no set limit on the number of institutions that could be approved as registered banks, but this was the limit of applications so far. He described the approved banks as "a good geographical representation."

Mr David Caygill, an associate finance minister, said the change would bring a new era of more competitive banking which would mean a better deal for both businesses and consumers.

"Banks will have to respond even more to the needs of the consumers rather than people having to respond to the whims of the banks," he said.

WA rights to raise £4.27m

By Michael Tate

WA Holdings, the rubber and plastics group, is seeking £4.27 million from its shareholders to help with its diversification plans. It is selling 9.45 million new shares through a one-for-three rights issue at 48p a share.

The company has already agreed to spend £725,000 on Conference Associates, which organizes conferences and conventions mainly for medical, scientific, financial and business groups. The rest will be used for further acquisitions and working capital.

CA, which made profits of £283,000 in the year to March 31, will form the basis of a new services division within WA.

Mr Brian North, WA's chairman, said yesterday that the new year had started well for the group, with targeted results met in the first four months, and margins were continuing to improve.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

London United buys El Paso for £9m

London United Investments is strengthening its casualty insurance operation with the £9 million acquisition of El Paso Insurance from ACR Holdings. El Paso's activities tie in with those of LUI's Walbrook Insurance arm, and earned profits of £1.132 million last year, with capital and reserves of £10.1 million. Mr Ronnie Driver, the LUI chairman, said: "The move fits in with our general plan, which is to expand. It will help us write more business in the casualty sector."

He expects the acquisition to enable LUI to continue to benefit from market conditions and increase profitability while maintaining the quality of business. The purchase will be settled by the issue of 1.169 million shares, which have been conditionally placed by Cazenove.

J Jarvis falls to Brookville

Brookville Securities, the private company which launched an unwelcome £7.5 million takeover bid for J Jarvis & Sons last month, said yesterday that its cash offer for the building group had gone unconditional, with Brookville and those acting in concert with it commanding 50.30 per cent of Jarvis. Mr Harvey Bard, who owns Brookville, has said he would continue Jarvis's business but shift the balance towards developing its own properties.

Ward White seeks £10m

Ward White, the Zodiac Toys, Payless DIY and Owen Owen stores group, is backing up its expansion moves into the United States by offering just more than £10 million of American Depository Receipts (ADRs). A total of 836,982 ADRs each worth three ordinary shares are being sold at $19.8. Ward White, which recently acquired the Whitlock motor parts chain in the United States, says it will use the proceeds to cut its borrowings in the US.

Menvier rises to £2m

The emergency lighting and fire alarm specialist Menvier-Swain Group lifted profits from £1.63 million to £2.09 million in the year to end-April. Turnover increased from £12.03 million to £15.61 million.

The profit is struck after committing £200,000 to research and development, the benefits of which will be seen this year as new products come on stream. Consequently, the company expects growth to continue. Lighting and fire alarms again earned the bulk of profits, although the services division improved in the second half. Menvier-Swain, which joined the Unlisted Securities Market in March last year, is paying a final dividend of 2.2p, making 3.2p for the year, against 2.1p. Earnings work out at 12p a share against 9.9p.

Bespak up to £1.9m

Bespak, the Norfolk manufacturer of aerosol valves and related products, raised profits before tax from £808,000 to £1.966 million in the year to May 1. Sales went up from £11.2 million to £13.8 million. Shareholders are to collect a final dividend of 2.75p, making a total of 4.5p for the year, up from 4.25p last year. Earnings per share were 9.9p (4.5p). In the stock market the shares responded positively to the improved results by going up 5p to 206p.

McKechnie in NZ deal

FH Tomkins is selling its 50 per cent stake in Fluid Control (NZ), New Zealand's leading manufacturer of plumbing products, to McKechnie, for NZ$32.75 million (£12.36 million) cash. McKechnie already owns the other half of Fluid Control through Pegler-Hattersley which it acquired in June last year. FC, which made £2.98 million profit in the year to end-March, is the largest customer of McKechnie's aluminium and brass business in New Zealand.

Ealing in bid talks

Ealing Electro-Optics, the USM-quoted optical equipment company, is in discussions with an unidentified potential bidder, the company announced yesterday. It added that if an offer for the company materialized, it would be in a form which would preserve the quotation for Ealing's shares. The bidder had been introduced to Ealing by Sleipner UK.

Sleipner already owns 40.5 per cent of Ealing and announced at the beginning of this month that it had given Ealing an undertaking to make or procure from a third party an offer for the company by September 30. The undertaking stipulated that the offer would be for a minimum of 150p a share in cash. Yesterday's announcement was triggered by the recent rise in the Ealing share price. The shares fell 5p to 178p immediately after the announcement.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Consortium plan for dockland site

By Our Correspondent

British Rail, the South West Gas Board and Bristol City Council are planning to form a consortium to develop a waterfront site in the heart of Bristol's derelict dockland.

The move has been described by the council as "one of the most attractive waterside development opportunities in Britain."

The 20-acre site at Canons Marsh, only half a mile from the city centre, adjoins a 12-acre site where Lloyds Bank has been given outline planning permission to build an administrative headquarters to replace its London offices.

The Lloyds site, which will be built on land now occupied by disused Imperial Tobacco bonded warehouses and owned by Hanson Trust, is outside the area designated for office development.

But a bank promise that it would provide 800 jobs caused the council to change its plans and grant permission.

One condition is that Lloyds must spend about £1 million on landscaping the site.

As far as the remaining 20 acres are concerned a council spokesman, Mr Barry Taylor, said it was anxious that the three parties should form a consortium.

He said: "A partnership will ensure that it is developed as a single entity, and will also speed up development of this most important site."

The site has already attracted the interest of at least five leading developers. The main project involves a £150 million leisure complex, the use for which the site was originally earmarked in the city's development plan.

Details have been put together over the past two years by Mr David Daw, the Bristol architect who has the backing of several national building contractors.

His plan includes a 30,000-seat covered superbowl, large enough to accommodate a full-size soccer pitch and other sports facilities, an Olympic-size swimming pool, a large exhibition hall, a cinema, theatre, boating lake, shopping mall, public houses and waterfront houses and flats.

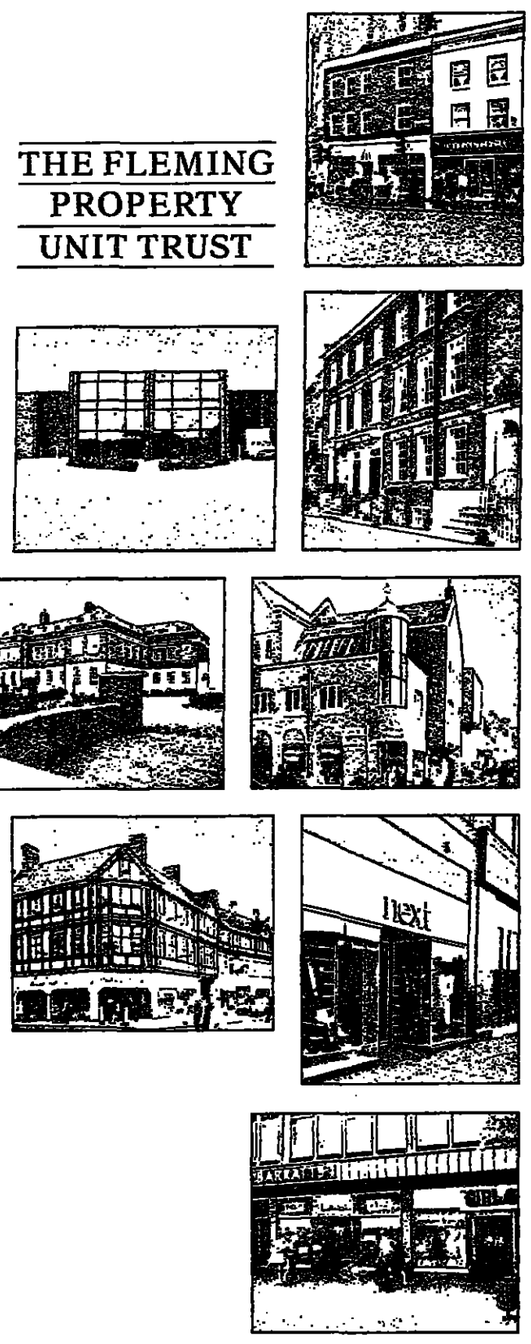
Mr Daw claims the development would create 1,500 jobs for local people.

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COMPANY NEWS

● **HAMPDEN HOMECARE:** The joint-venture directors of Hampden and Kwik-Fit Holdings report the formation of a joint venture – Kwik-Fit (NI) – to operate Kwik-Fit car repair centres throughout Northern Ireland.

● **RANK ORGANISATION:** The group has formed a joint-venture company, to be called Integrated Documatics. This venture is between Brown & Root Vickers and Rank Cintel, whose shareholdings will be 70-30 per cent respectively. ID will market and sell hardware and software systems for the mass storage, retrieval, transmission and display of documents.

● **VANTAGE SECURITIES:** Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend 0.6p (0.5p). The board expects the final dividend to be not less than last year. With figures in £000: Pretax revenue 44 (41). Earnings per share 1.039p (0.96p).

● **YELLOWHAMMER:** The annual meeting was told that the company is continuing to benefit significantly from the recent restructuring of the management team. This, supported by business gains, has brought a good performance in the early months of this year.

● **AECI LTD:** Six months to June 30. Net trading income R153 million (£46 million), against R141 million. Turnover R1.479 million (R1,295 million). Earnings per share 53 cents (45 cents).

● **ROYAL INSURANCE:** Because of a marked increase in investors' interest in the company's Eurocommercial paper, the programme has been increased from $50 million to $150 million (£93 million).

● **SPLASH PRODUCTS:** Interim dividend 1.1p for the six months to April 30. With figures in £000: Turnover 1,278 (1,091). Pretax profit 103 (71). Earnings per share 1.36p (1.12p).

● **PINEAPPLE GROUP:** The US subsidiary has acquired two marketing service companies in the New York area – BMS Marketing Services and Infinite Image. The initial cash consideration was $400,000 (£250,000) for BMS and $600,000 for Infinite. A deferred consideration will be payable, based on profits and performance, in the periods up to November 30, 1988. Combined net assets for the two are $293,000. In the year to November 30, 1986, combined net pretax earnings were $83,782.

● **JERSEY ELECTRICITY:** Interim dividend 7 per cent (5 per cent) for the 26 weeks to March 29. With figures in £000: Gross revenue 9,802 (10,240). Pretax profit 1,730 (1,222).

● **MULTITONE ELECTRONICS:** Total dividend held at 0.1p for the year to March 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 21,813 (18,459). Pretax loss 436 (1,442 loss). Loss per share 2.6p (7.8p loss).

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Small Co Inc	50.4	53.3	-0.1	1.41

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PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 9000

Australia	110.2	117.8	-1.5	0.00
Eastern	110.3	117.2	-0.2	0.50
Equity Income	84.3	89.6	-0.2	4.30
Europe	143.8	152.9●	-0.9	0.90
Exempt Trust	66.7	70.9●		3.00
Growth & Inc	90.0	95.7	+0.1	1.90
Global Gth	91.5	97.3		1.50
Japan Special	117.9	125.0●	-2.7	0.10
Japan Sunrise	121.7	130.1	-2.6	0.00
First Europe	119.2	126.8●	-0.2	0.20
First Japan	124.9	132.8	-1.3	0.00
First N Amer	154.8	164.6●	-0.1	1.60
First Smaller Co's	125.7	133.7	-0.1	
N Amer Spec Tst	50.5	53.7		0.30

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10 Fenchurch St, London EC2
01-626 8000

Amer Smlr Co Inc	68.2	71.9	-0.6	0.15
Do Accum	107.7	113.7●	-0.1	1.38
European Inc	133.7	141.1●		1.38
Do Accum	201.3	212.4●		1.38
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	31.6	33.3	-0.1	1.20
Do Accum	244.8	258.3●	-2.6	2.12
General Inc	340.6	359.3	-3.4	2.12
Gilt Yield Inc	111.3	114.9	-0.6	9.02
Global Inc	179.9	189.8	-0.3	3.01
Do Accum	307.5	324.5	-1.4	3.01
Do Accum	200.0	206.0	-0.5	9.57
High Yield Inc	138.0	145.6●	+4.2	3.50
Do Accum	285.2	300.7	+8.6	3.50
Int Rec Inc	159.9	168.7	-1.3	0.61
Do Accum	170.0	179.3	-1.4	0.61
Japan Inc	239.5	252.6●	-4.1	0.00
Do Accum	242.5	255.8●	-4.1	0.00
Japanese Spec Inc	110.4	116.5	-1.9	0.07
Do Accum	111.4	117.5●	-1.9	0.07
N American Inc	67.5	70.9	-0.5	0.91
Do Accum	67.5	70.9	-0.6	0.92
Pacific Inc	169.2	178.3	-1.9	0.20
Planned Investment	179.9	198.2		1.83
Smaller Co's Inc	149.1	157.3	-1.7	1.02
Do Accum	149.1	157.3	-1.7	1.02
UK Equity Gth Inc	42.3	44.6	-0.5	0.11
Do Accum	69.9	73.7	-0.8	0.11
Worldwide Tech Inc	63.8	67.2	-0.7	0.23
Do Accum	92.5	98.0	-0.7	0.23

BROWN SHIPLEY
Q-17 Perrymount Rd Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	224.4	236.3	-6.8	1.85
Smaller Co's Acc	202.4	215.2	-1.7	0.59
Do Income	200.5	211.9	-10.8	0.59
High Income	103.5	110.2	-3.5	4.11
Income	130.5	139.0	-3.0	3.26
Main Portfolio Inc	155.4	165.4	-4.8	3.26
Do Acc	155.4	207.8	-6.4	3.26
North American	57.3	71.6●	-0.4	1.21
Orient	98.7	104.9	-0.5	0.25
Exempt	376.6	400.7	-0.2	1.57
Recovery	90.0	95.4	-3.7	1.01
German	33.0	35.1	-0.2	0.43
Technology	162.4	172.7	-1.4	0.28
Europe	24.1	25.9		0.72

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

Fellowship Inc	78.0	83.0		1.70
General Inc (4)	358.4	375.9●		1.20
Do Accum (4)	560.7	608.8●		1.20
Income Fund (5)	158.2	165.1	+1.6	4.72
Do Accum (5)	298.1	309.5	+2.9	4.72
Smaller Inc (5)	125.8	132.6●		1.08
Do Accum (5)	135.6	142.7●		1.08

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
01-900 8876

Growth	40.2	42.8●	-0.4	22.30
Income	47.5	50.6●	-0.4	3.09
Far East	28.4	30.2●	-0.2	0.20
North American	32.7	34.8●	-0.3	0.59
Global	58.7	62.1	-0.3	0.55
European	55.8	59.0		0.91
Japan	65.9	70.1	-0.4	0.50
Intl Cry Bond	47.3	50.1	-0.2	6.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	327.9	341.6	+0.2	1.48
Income	319.2	338.0	-0.4	3.58
North American	316.8	337.1	-3.2	1.36

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Inv Fund	541.15			3.57
Fixed Int	149.25	●		9.58
Deposit	100.0			8.80

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
70/73 Basinghall St, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	505.77	●		3.97
Accum	£15 6188			8.75
Deposit	100.0			

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
70/73 Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

S & C Special Sits	85.9	90.9●		0.50

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Growth	26.4	28.0		0.00
Dragon Growth Fund	31.2	33.1	+0.1	0.00
Equity High Income	70.7	74.1●	+0.1	3.00
European Growth	30.1	31.9	+0.1	0.40
General Equity	64.5	68.3	+0.2	1.80
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	31.9	33.6	-0.2	8.10
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.2	26.6●	-0.2	9.10
Intl Inc Trst	27.4	29.0●	-0.1	4.30
Japan Growth	38.5	40.8●	-0.3	0.00
Pacific Growth	38.7	41.0		1.50
Special Sits Tst	45.9	48.6	+0.1	1.00

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 9818

UK & Gen Inc	72.2	76.8●		1.88
Do Accum	72.4	77.0●		1.90
Income Inc	69.5	73.9●		2.82
Do Accum	69.8	74.2●		2.83
Worldwide Inc	68.0	64.3●		1.14
Do Accum	68.1	64.3●		1.14
Gamma Fund Inc	47.2	50.6		0.97
Do Accum	47.7	50.6		0.97

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

E uro G rth S trat	79.3	84.0	+0.5	0.88
Extra Income	263.2	278.8●	-0.7	3.47
Financial	281.6	297.9●	+10.6	1.26
Sth East Asia Grth	43.4	46.0	+0.5	0.71
Sr Sec Cos	436.4	461.8●	+0.5	1.61
Income & Growth	64.1	67.8	+0.1	2.84
Japanese Growth	220.4	233.2	-2.8	0.29
Nth Amer Growth	130.5	138.1	-0.2	0.83
Intl Recovery	137.1	188.0●	+0.5	1.83
Smaller Cos	439.8	465.5	-0.6	0.38
Global Inc Tst	70.8	75.0●	-0.5	6.27
Special Sits Acc	485.2	513.5	+3.4	1.00

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

American Trust	146.0	155.3●		0.64
Canadian Gth	24.4	26.0		1.50
European Trust	135.7	144.4		
Growth Trust	335.1	356.6●		2.60
High Income Trust	387.5	405.6		3.67
Intl Tech Trust	141.2	150.2		
Japanese Trust	189.8	201.9		

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate Surrey RH2 9BL
02372 42424

European Growth	85.6	90.8	-0.1	1.20
Euro Special Sits	47.6	50.7	-0.1	
International	47.5	50.6	+0.5	
N American Growth	47.5	50.6	+0.1	0.40
Pacific Growth	63.8	67.9	-0.1	2.00
Ukr Growth Accum	87.4	93.0	-1.1	2.00
Do Dist	78.1	81.5		4.90
UK Income	72.1	76.8		

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

American Fund	76.5	81.4	-0.6	1.23
Capital Fund	189.0	180.0	+0.2	0.94
Eurofund	28.4	30.2●	+0.2	1.66
Growth & Inc Fund	213.1	226.9	+0.3	2.75
High Dist Fund	183.8	194.4	+0.6	6.87
International Fund	248.3	253.4●	+0.9	0.73
Pacific Fund	32.2	34.3	+0.2	
Resources Fund	36.4	38.7	-0.1	0.05
Small Jap Co's Fnd	34.8	37.0		8.77
Tokyo Fund	174.8	186.1	-2.9	0.00
(Eu) Amer (2)	156.0	169.3		1.75
(Eu) Japan (4)	114.1	117.2		0.18
(Eu) Pacific (4)	388.6	399.3		0.10
(Eu) Smaller Jap (4)	215.0	220.9		0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311

Uk. Balanced Inc	105.8	112.3●	+0.2	1.88
Do Accum	109.4	116.1●	+0.2	1.81
Uk. Growth Accum	151.4	160.9	-1.0	1.36
Uk High Inc Inc	115.7	122.8	+0.2	3.04
N American Accum	82.4	87.5●	-0.6	0.92
Far Eastern Accum	128.0	135.9	-0.5	0.52
European Accum	92.0	97.7●	-0.2	1.21
Uk. Gilt & Fi Inc	55.8	59.2●	-0.2	8.14
Do Accum	61.2	64.9●	-0.2	8.14
Intl Spec Sit Acc	52.8	56.3	+0.2	1.79

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LS
01708 66666

Endurance	143.7	152.9	-1.4	0.87

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

Equitable Pelican	117.1	124.6	-1.6	2.41
High Income Trust	113.4	120.7	-0.6	3.89
Gilt & Fixed Int	52.1	55.5●	-0.5	7.01
Tst Of Inv Trusts	100.9	108.5	-0.9	1.37
Special Sits Trust	123.8	131.8	-1.5	1.67
Nth Amer Trust	67.6	72.0	-1.0	1.32
Far Eastern Trust	130.3	116.2●	-1.3	0.34
Intl Growth	63.0	67.1	-0.5	0.98
European Trust	49.1	52.3	-0.1	0.96

EQUITY & LAW
St George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD
0203 553231

Uk Grwth Accum	216.8	230.6	+0.1	2.26
Do Income	182.6	194.3	+0.1	2.26
Higher Inc Accum	280.7	404.9	+0.2	3.17
Do Income	195.2	315.1	+0.1	3.17
Gilts/Fixed Accum	107.4	113.0	-0.6	8.09
Do Income	85.5	91.0	-0.4	8.09
Nth Amer Tst Accum	151.6	161.2	-0.9	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	188.3	200.2	-1.2	0.09
Euro Tst Accum	171.8	182.7	-0.4	0.80
General Trust	330.9	352.0	-2.2	2.41

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smaller Co's	76.5	81.4	-1.4	0.14
Uk Income Fund	111.6	118.7	-0.2	3.50
Far Eastern Fund	91.6	97.5	-0.8	0.00
Overseas Income	76.5	81.4	-0.4	3.35
Fixed Interest	56.9	60.5	-0.8	10.13
Natural Res Fund	85.0	90.5●	+0.3	1.89
European Income	81.4	86.6c	+0.3	2.84
Financials Fund	62.6	66.6	-0.5	2.25
Intl Tech Fund	132.8	141.3	-2.5	0.13

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

Amer Gth Inc	25.5	27.1	-0.2	
Do Acc	25.5	27.1	-0.2	
Balanced Gth Inc	87.4	93.0	-0.3	0.80
Do Accum	89.5	95.2	-0.3	
Income Gth Inc	66.0	70.2	-0.3	4.00
Do Accum	72.4	77.0	-0.3	
Service Co's Inc	98.5	104.8	-0.4	0.30
Do Accum	100.3	106.7	-0.5	

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Rivar Wate, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
Callfree 0800 414161

American	124.5	133.2	-1.5	0.66
Amer Equity Income	35.0	37.3c	-0.4	3.52
Amer Special Sits	59.9	63.6	-0.5	0.01
Australia	49.2	51.1	+0.2	1.31
European	58.3	62.1	+0.2	
European Inc	25.1	26.8	-0.1	3.73
Global Conv	27.4	29.1	-0.2	4.98
Far East Inc	39.8	42.2		3.25
Gilt & Fixed Int	30.6	●	-0.7	3.40
Growth & Income	144.9	154.2	+0.9	
Japan Special Sits	54.4	58.1	-0.2	
Japan	147.4	157.3●	-0.4	
Managed Int	161.0	171.2	-1.2	0.42
Max Income Equity	126.9	137.1	-0.9	3.45
Pension Business	52.6	56.3	-0.4	1.86
South East Asia	58.9	62.6	+0.1	0.01
Special Sits	300.8	320.0	-0.3	0.58

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5PP
01-628 5181

Amer & Gen Inc	223.4	236.4	-3.0	
Do Accum	228.3	241.5	-2.9	
Amer Turnarnd Inc	233.2	246.7●	-2.4	1.06
Do Accum	241.9	255.9	-2.5	1.06
Capital Tst Inc	349.5	369.8	-4.5	1.47
Gilt & Fixed Inc	127.4	452.2	+0.8	3.99
Intl Inc Tst	117.7	124.5●	+0.8	3.99
Japan Growth	169.2	171.9●	+0.4	0.61
Peregrine Gth	70.2	74.2	-0.3	0.61
Special Sits Tst	45.9	48.6	+0.1	1.00

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5786 Dealing 01-623 5806

American Trust	88.9	94.6●	-1.4	0.70
Australian Trust	40.2	42.8		0.00
British Tst Accum	93.9	98.6c	-2.7	4.44
Do Dist	80.9	86.0c	-2.3	1.44
Commodity Share	102.5	109.0	-0.1	1.00
European Trust	56.3	59.9	-0.5	0.75
Extra Income Trust	73.0	77.7	-0.7	0.60
Far Eastern Trust	160.0	170.9	-1.7	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	27.6	29.4●		8.77
Frontier Mkts	31.9	33.6	+0.2	0.30
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.8	26.4●	-0.1	0.00
Global Fund Accum	227.9	242.3	-0.3	0.40
Do Dist	206.2	219.4	-0.3	0.40
Gold Share Trust	39.0	41.5	-0.4	0.35
Hedged American	38.0	40.5	-0.4	0.72
High Income Trust	36.5	38.9s	-0.6	4.15
Hong Kong Trust	37.6	40.0	-0.4	0.00
Income Fund	125.5	133.6	-0.4	2.26
Japan Trust	119.0	126.5●	-1.7	0.00
Managed Exempt	36.1	38.4	-0.3	1.69
Oil & Energy Trust	36.9	39.2	-0.4	0.00
Special Sits Trust	169.2	180.0	-3.4	0.76
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	144.4	153.7	-2.9	0.90
Cheltenham UK	30.3	31.9	-0.1	1.32

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR
01-588 5620

Intl Growth	114.6	121.9●	+0.3	0.86
American Growth	76.7	81.6●	-0.4	2.09
American Inc	76.7	81.5		1.98
European Growth	60.2	64.0s	-2.0	0.92
Gold & Minerals	84.0	89.3●	+1.4	0.36
Japan Growth	93.9	99.5●	+0.1	3.05
Pacific Inc	67.1	71.3	+0.2	0.41
Pacific Strategy	67.1	71.3	+0.2	0.41
Uk Progressive Inc	90.9	96.7●	+0.3	0.42
UK Special Opps	237.7	241.5	+0.2	0.45
Gt British	48.2	51.2	+0.1	1.70

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-886 9903

Gilt & Fixed Int	122.3	127.1	-0.7	8.74
Growth Equity	309.7	327.6●	-1.6	1.37
Guardhill	397.1	411.4	-2.2	1.95
N American	170.3	180.3	-0.5	0.98
Pacific	356.8	356.2	-1.5	0.74
Property Share	505.2	534.7●	-0.1	4.10
Smaller Companies	365.6	386.9	-4.0	1.04
European Trust	280.5	296.9●	+2.3	1.86

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 9333

Global Growth	48.8	52.0		0.80
High Income	87.5	93.1●	-0.3	3.85
N Amer Trust	121.0	128.8	-0.4	0.69
Pacific Growth	48.5	51.6		0.50
Recovery	386.1	410.8		1.25
Gilt Trust	39.3	41.8	-0.2	8.87
Sl Vincent Inc	130.2	133.6	+0.3	3.86
Sl Vincent US Gth	78.4	81.7		0.72
Temple Bar Sm Co's	288.7	300.5●		0.26
Euro Gth Tst	49.6	52.8		0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

Hambros Smlr Co's	230.3	244.4●		1.06
Hambros N Amer	73.6	77.9		0.84
Hambros Jap & F E	124.2	132.1	-0.3	0.40
Hambros Scandvn	88.9	94.3	+0.4	0.92
Hambros European	111.2	118.0		0.78
Hambros Canadian	62.2	66.8	+0.8	0.98
Hambros Equity Inc	129.4	137.3	+0.3	3.55
Hambros High Inc	99.7	105.8	-0.1	3.80

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros Res Assts	91.0	96.5c	+0.9	1.85
Hambros Intl Sits	79.0	82.8●	+0.1	0.80
Hambros Am Eq Inc	67.3	71.4	..	4.19

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
0277 251010

Amer Recovery Tst	114.2	121.6	-1.0	0.86
Amer Smaller Co's	52.0	55.4	-0.3	0.01
Australian	128.5	135.3	-0.7	1.01
Capital Growth Inc	84.9	90.5	-1.9	1.22
Do Accum	95.7	102.0	-2.2	1.23
European	267.9	285.3	-0.3	1.13
Euro Inc Tst	48.8	52.0●		3.77
Euro Smaller Co's	105.1	111.9	-0.1	0.17
Extra Income	273.8	292.8●	-3.1	2.80
Financial Trust	241.6	257.0	-0.3	1.49
Fixed Interest Tst	54.7	58.0●		9.19
Gilt Trust	42.7	45.3	-0.4	8.41
Global Healthcare	80.0	86.9	-0.1	0.01
Global Inc.&Gth	71.5	76.1●	+0.1	3.01
Global Resources	125.6	144.4	-2.2	0.01
Gold Trust	127.0	135.3●	-0.4	0.11
Gold	92.8	99.3	+1.5	1.70
High Income Tst	287.4	307.4	-6.1	3.05
Hong Kong	85.3	91.2●	+1.6	1.50
Income & Growth Inc	220.0	234.0●	-4.6	2.29
Do Accum	442.4	470.6●	-9.0	2.28
Incomplex Assets	157.3	168.2	-3.1	2.71
International	209.3	223.8	-0.5	0.64
Japan Special Sits	187.8	200.0	-1.9	0.01
Japan Tst	178.8	190.4●	-1.0	0.52
North American	155.0	165.1●	-1.0	0.52
Pacific Smaller Co's	97.1	104.5	-0.5	0.37
Prof & Gtl	55.9	59.5●	-0.2	8.10
Recovery Tst	192.5	204.8	-4.0	0.72
Singapore & Malay	50.6	53.8	-0.1	0.90
Smaller Co's Div	201.0	213.8●	-4.2	1.05
Special Sits Inc	240.1	255.4	-4.8	0.33
Do Accum	338.7	361.4	+3.7	0.33
Worldwide	614.0	646.3		1.38
Euro Exempt	133.7	140.7	-0.2	1.19
Global Tech Exempt	95.4	100.4	-0.2	0.13
High Income Exempt	167.7	157.1●	-0.2	3.48
Japan Exempt	162.6	171.2	-1.2	0.01
N Amer Exempt	97.7	102.8	-0.8	1.50
Pacific Exempt	240.8	253.5	+1.2	2.19
Smaller Co's Exempt	221.5	233.2	+0.9	1.16
Best of British	47.5	50.5	-0.7	2.20
Spirit Of The East	50.5	53.2		2.76

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
01-686 4355 01-628 8011

British Trust Units	79.0	83.7s	-0.8	2.10
Capital Trust Units	141.1	149.4c	-1.18	1.91
Dollar Trust Units	216.7	229.4	-1.6	1.16
European Trust	155.6	164.7●	+1.5	0.55
Far East Trust	171.8	181.8●	-1.5	1.52
Financial Trust	571.8	605.1	-9.8	1.52
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	28.1	29.2	-0.1	9.08
Do Growth	40.0	42.5		9.08
High Yield Trust	98.3	104.1	-0.7	3.63
Income Trust	123.1	131.1	-0.3	1.50
International	163.9	173.5●	-0.3	1.50
Japan Tech Tst	42.5	45.5●		0.00
Natural Resources	61.1	64.7	-0.6	1.09
Security Trust	287.1	303.8	-2.2	0.47
Smaller Cos	165.6	175.3	-1.0	1.07
Special Sits	149.5	158.3	-1.7	1.82
US Smaller Cos	27.8	29.5	-0.1	0.84

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IBI Bnt & Oseas	176.9	187.2	-0.3	1.35
IBI Inc Plus	87.6	92.7	..	2.36
IBI Cap Gth	99.8	98.0	..	2.36
Inv Tst Fnd	102.1	108.1	..	0.98

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Equity & Gen	71.9	76.7	..	0.99
Gilt & Fixed Int Fund	70.2	74.7	+0.1	9.53
Hgnor Inc	92.9	98.9	+0.1	3.00
Income	69.6	74.5●	+0.1	0.72
International				

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5, Rayleigh

Portfolio Gold

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Ward Hldgs	Building,Roads	
2	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
3	TVS N/V	Cinemas,TV	
4	Anchor Chemical	Chemicals,Plas.	
5	Aerospace Eng	Industrials A-D	
6	Irish Distl	Breweries	
7	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
8	Tunstall	Electricals	
9	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
10	Woodside	Oil & Gas	
11	Geest	Foods	
12	Charterhall	Oil & Gas	
13	Waterglade	Property	
14	Falcon	Industrials E-K	
15	Mersey Docks	Shipping	
16	Baker Harris	Property	
17	Strong & Fisher	Shoes,Leather	
18	Chamberlain Ph	Industrials A-D	
19	Geers Gross	Paper,Print,Adv	
20	Firstland	Oil & Gas	
21	Silkolene	Oil & Gas	
22	Robertson Res	Industrials L-R	
23	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
24	Dubilier	Electricals	
25	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	
26	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building,Roads	
27	AIM	Industrials 4-D	
28	Ash & Lacey	Industrials 4-D	
29	Clarkson (H)	Shipping	
30	Quest Automation	Electricals	
31	Metal Closures	Industrials L-R	
32	Lookers	Motors,Aircraft	
33	Warrington (T)	Building,Roads	
34	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
35	Cropper (James)	Paper,Print,Adv	
36	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
37	Petrocon	Oil & Gas	
38	Star Comp	Industrials S-Z	
39	Volex	Electricals	
40	P-E International	Electricals	
41	Clyde	Oil & Gas	
42	Runciman (Walter)	Shipping	
43	Barr (AG)	Foods	
44	Hallite	Industrials E-K	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

102⅛	95⅛	Treas 12%	1987	100⅛	11.9	9.525
99⅛	95⅞	Treas 7¼%	1985-88	98⅞ ●-⅛	7.8	8.457
102⅛	96	Exch 10¼	1988	100⅛ -¼	10.4	8.470
101⅝	96⅛	Treas C9¾%	1988	100⅛ -⅛	9.7	9.401
97¼	92¼	Treas 7%	1988-91	96⅝ -¼	9.1	6.458
105⅛	96	Treas 9¾	1988	100 -⅛	9.5	9.499
105⅛	95⅞	Treas 11¾%	1989	102⅛ ●-⅛	11.2	9.476
104⅛	98⅛	Treas 10%	1989	101⅛ -⅛	10.3	9.444
102⅝	96⅛	Exch 10%	1989	100⅞ -⅛	9.9	9.471
108⅛	100⅛	Exch 10¾%	1990	103⅝ -⅛	10.3	9.580
105⅛	96⅛	Exch 11%	1990	102⅛ -⅛	10.7	9.417
99⅝	88⅛	Treas 5%	1986-89	94⅛ -⅛	5.3	7.465
102⅛	95⅛	Treas C9¾%	1989	100⅛ -⅛	9.5	9.439
94⅛	86⅛	Treas 3%	1990	91⅛ -⅛	3.2	5.497
111	103⅛	Treas 13%	1990	107⅛ -⅛	12.1	9.473
108⅛	99⅛	Exch 11%	1990	103⅛ ●-⅛	10.7	9.545
113⅛	99⅛	Exch 12¼%	1990	105⅝ -⅛	11.7	9.572
91⅛	84⅛	Treas 3	1989-04	86⅛ -⅛	3.3	6.985
100	93⅛	Treas 8¾%	1987-90	96⅝ -⅛	8.4	8.696
105⅛	97⅛	Treas 10%	1990	101⅝ -⅛	9.9	9.500
88⅛	80⅛	Exch 9¼%	1990	88⅝ -⅛	2.8	6.386
104⅛	96⅛	Treas 10%	1990	100⅛ -⅛	9.7	9.466
110⅛	102⅛	Treas 11¾%	1991	106⅛ -⅛	10.4	9.481
96⅛	86⅛	Fund 5¾%	1987-91	92⅛ -⅛	6.2	7.972
109⅛	100⅛	Exch 11%	1991	105⅛ -⅛	10.4	9.473
89⅛	79⅛	Treas 3%	1991	86 -¼	3.4	6.822

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

116⅛	107⅞	Treas 12¾%	1992	111⅝ ●-1⅛	11.4	9.497
106⅛	98⅛	Treas 10%	1992	101⅞ -⅛	9.8	9.477
106⅝	98⅛	Treas C10½%	1992	101⅞ -⅛	10.4	9.482
95⅛	85⅛	Treas 9%	1992	85⅝ -⅛	3.5	6.528
98⅛	94⅛	Treas 9%	1992	94⅝ -⅛		9.356
117	106⅛	Exch 12¼%	1992	110⅝ ●-1⅛	11.0	9.498
121	106⅛	Exch 13¾%	1992	110⅝ -⅛	11.7	9.553
107⅛	96⅝	Treas 10%	1993	102⅛ -⅛	9.8	9.482
118⅛	108	Treas 12¾%	1993	113⅝ -⅛	10.9	9.531
99⅛	81⅛	Fund 9%	1993	96⅛ -⅛	8.6	7.301
125⅛	113⅛	Treas 13¾%	1993	118⅝ -⅛	11.5	9.617
129⅛	113⅛	Treas 14%	1994	123⅛ -⅛	11.2	9.533
120⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¾%	1994	114⅛ -⅛	10.9	9.556
124⅛	113⅛	Exch 13%	1994	118⅛ -⅛	11.4	9.675
103⅛	91⅛	Treas 9%	1992	98⅛ -⅛	9.2	9.251
107⅛	99⅛	Exch 10%	1994	102⅝ -⅛	9.7	9.455
118⅛	106⅛	Treas 12%	1995	112⅛ ●-⅛	10.7	9.649
82⅛	75⅛	Gas 3%	1990-95	83 -⅛	3.7	5.954
103⅛	97⅛	Exch 10¾%	1995	99⅛ -⅛	9.9	9.568
122⅛	110⅛	Treas 13%	1995	116⅛ -⅛	10.9	9.577
130⅛	117⅛	Treas 14%	1996	124 ●-⅛	11.3	9.760
102⅝	88⅛	Treas 9%	1992-96	98⅛ -⅛	9.2	9.453
139⅛	125⅛	Treas 15½%	1996	132⅝ -⅛	11.5	9.680
119⅛	114⅛	Exch 13½%	1996	117⅛ -⅛	10.9	9.913
89⅛	80	Ronpit 3%	1996	85⅝ -⅛	3.5	
108⅛	96⅛	Conv 10¼	1996	102⅝ -⅛	9.8	9.572
128⅛	115⅛	Treas 13¼%	1997	121⅝ ●-⅛	10.9	9.643
111⅛	95	Exch 10¾	1997	105⅛ -⅛	10.2	9.577
101	86⅛	Treas 8¾%	1997	95⅝ -⅛	9.2	9.427
101	85⅛	Treas 8%	1997	95⅛ -⅛	9.2	9.425
140	125⅛	Exch 15%	1997	132⅛ -⅛	11.3	9.815
89⅛	77⅛	Treas 8%	1995-98	84⅛ -⅛	9.5	9.568
106⅛	94⅛	Exch 9¾%	1998	100⅛ -⅛	9.7	9.585
145⅛	128⅛	Treas 15½%	1998	138⅛ -⅛	11.2	9.766
122⅛	108⅛	Exch 12%	1998	115⅛ -⅛	10.4	9.674
106⅛	93⅛	Treas 9%	1999	100⅛ -⅛	9.0	9.667
106⅛	93⅛	Treas 9%	1999	100⅛ -⅛	10.4	9.553
113	99⅛	Treas 10½%	1999	106⅛ -⅛	10.4	9.553
111⅛	97⅛	Conv 10½%	1999	104⅞ -⅛	9.8	9.551
96⅛	93⅛	Treas 8%	2000	93⅞ -⅛		9.427
131⅛	116⅛	Treas 13%	2000	126⅝ ●-⅛	10.5	9.681
103⅛	88⅛	Conv 9%	2000	96⅛ -⅛	9.3	9.417
110⅛	94⅛	Treas 10%	2001	103⅛ -⅛	9.7	9.489
108⅛	92⅛	Conv 9½%	2001	102⅛ ●-⅛	9.3	9.410
134⅛	109⅛	Treas 12%	1998-01	124⅛ -⅛	11.0	9.810

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

103	96⅛	Exch	9¾	2002	96⅛ -⅛	9.3	9.390
110⅛	97⅛	Conv	10¼	2002	104⅛ -⅛	9.6	9.452
122⅛	108⅛	Exch	12¾	1999-02	115⅛ ●-⅛	10.4	9.708
105	93⅛	Treas	9½	2002	102⅛ ●-⅛	9.3	9.437
111⅛	94⅛	Treas	10%	2003	104⅛ -⅛	9.5	9.469
136⅛	123⅛	Treas	13½	2000-03	129⅛ ●-⅛	10.6	9.719
121⅛	105	Treas	11¼%	2001-04	114⅛ -⅛	10.0	9.560
111⅛	97⅛	Treas	10%	2004	105⅛ -⅛	9.5	9.538
98⅛	51⅛	Fund	3	1999-04	56⅛ -⅛	3.2	8.990
107⅝	93⅛	Conv	9½	2004	101⅛ -⅛	9.4	9.392
107⅝	93⅛	Conv	9½	2005	101⅛ -⅛	9.4	9.373
116⅛	99⅛	Exch	10¾	2005	109⅛ -⅛	9.9	9.545
132⅛	116⅛	Treas	12¾	2003-05	125⅛ ●-⅛	10.2	9.758
102⅛	88⅛	Treas	8%	2002-06	88⅛ -⅛	9.0	9.092
92⅛	88⅛	Treas	8%	2002/06	88⅛ -⅛		9.235
110⅛	93⅛	Conv	9¼	2006	103⅛ -⅛	9.0	9.434
99⅛	86⅛	Treas	8%	2003-07	93⅛ -⅛	8.9	9.224
142	121⅛	Treas	13½	2004-08	133⅛ -⅛	10.1	9.432
104⅛	97⅛	Treas	9%	2008	99⅛ -⅛	9.0	9.170
94⅛	89⅛	Treas	8%	2009	91⅛ -⅛	8.8	9.174
101⅛	96⅛	Conv	8%	2011	98⅛ -⅛	8.2	9.065
99⅛	58⅝	Treas	5½	2008-12	95⅛ -⅛	5.8	9.262
98⅛	75⅛	Treas	7%	2012-15	95⅛ -⅛	7.4	
134⅛	117⅛	Exch	12¾	2013-17	129⅝ -⅛	9.6	

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45⅝	39⅛	Consols	4%		43 ●-⅛	9.3	
40⅝	34⅛	War Ln	3½%		38 -⅛	9.2	
50	46⅛	Cons	5%		48⅛ -⅛	7.1	
34⅝	29⅛	Treas	3%		32⅛ -⅛	9.5	
38⅝	34⅝	Consols	2½%		37⅛ -⅛	9.2	
29⅝	24⅝	Treas	2½%		27 -⅛	9.2	

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171⅛	124⅛	Treas IL	2%	1988	131⅛	2.0	2.055
117⅛	108⅛	Treas IL	2%	1990	115⅛ ●-⅛	2.0	0.959
99⅛	92⅛	Treas IL	2%	1992	97⅛ -⅛	2.1	2.142
128⅛	117⅛	Treas IL	2%	1996	126⅛ -⅛	2.3	3.412
131⅛	106⅛	Treas IL	2%	2006	106⅛ -⅛	2.0	3.806
139⅛	99⅛	Treas IL	2%	2009	101 -⅛	2.1	3.767
127⅛	97⅛	Treas IL	2%	2009	103 -⅛	2.0	3.749
113⅛	102⅛	Treas IL	2%	2011	105 ●-⅛	2.2	3.657
99⅛	85⅛	Treas IL	2%	2013	88⅛ -⅛	2.2	3.594
103⅛	82⅛	Treas IL	2%	2016	99⅛ ●-⅛	2.2	3.521
101⅛	98⅛	Treas IL	2%	2020	94⅛ -⅛	2.2	3.663
86⅛	78⅛	Treas IL	2%	2024	80⅛ -⅛	2.2	3.589

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

333	290	Allied Irish	348	353	-2	9.0	3.5	7.2
109	64	Anschutz (Henry)	107	109	-4	1.9	1.9	7.9
198	146	Bco New Z	187	191	-4	15.0	7.9	
17	6	Bank America	6¼		-⅛			
246	178	Bank of Ireland	230	235		17.0	7.3	
14	11	Bank Leumi Israel	13	15				
350	240	Bank Leumi Uk	340	360		17.0	4.9	11.2
515	355	Bank Of Scotland	510	515	+1	33.0	6.4	11.3
88	66	Bank Of Wales	78	83	-11	3.7	4.6	7.0
650	485	Barclays (Ass)	625	628	-1	37.0	5.8	9.2
94	45	Berkshirebk	88	91	-1	2.5	2.4	31.2
603	547	Brown Shipley	562	571	+2	13.7	2.4	27.2
135	98	Bus Mortgage	98	105	-5	27.6	6.1	15.5
483	280	Cairn Alloti	445	460		37.0	8.1	18.1
75	44	Cattles	73	74		12.8	5.4	
54½	40	Chase Manhattan	45½		+¼	2.0	4.5	
51	30	Citicorp	50½		+¼	2.0	4.0	
111	82	Commerzbank	97½		+¼	3.0	3.1	
248½	197	Deutsche Bank	239		-6	9.0	3.8	9.1
80	21	Equity & Gen	66	68	-6	1.4	2.1	9.8
350	295	First Nat Finance	335	338	●-3	34.0	10.1	9.8
415	298	Gerrard Nat	390	397		23.0	5.9	16.6
113½	88½	Guinness Peat	104	106	-½	3.5	3.3	13.1
343	235	Hambros	332	337	●	18.0	5.4	10.8
769	398	Hill Samuel	699	705	+½	33.0	4.7	9.8
78	57	Ho Staunton	77	78		18.0	23.4	5.8
673	473	Jardine Mcaspeth	670	675		18.0	2.7	10.9
194	134	Kleinwort Benson	186	190	-3	12.0	6.4	10.9
613	451	Kleinwort Robson	600	607	-10	16.4	2.7	6.8
334	293	Lloyds (Ass)	304	307	●	4.4	1.4	15.5
186	75	Lon Scot	104	107	●	4.4	4.2	11.8
1⅝	1⅛	Mercury Int	488	492	-11	13.7	2.8	11.9
178	126	Mercury Pri	167	170	-1	8.9	5.3	9.9
1⅝	1⅛	Midland (Ass)	1520	1525	-6	144.0	9.4	8.1
382	300	Morgan Grenfell	365	368	+1			
257	155	Nat Aust Bk	219	223				

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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Trade figures hit shares

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 13. Dealings end Friday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day August 3. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26.)

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E

BREWERIES

770	536	Nat West (aa)	755	760	-15	28.1	3.7	7.7
185	122	Ottoman	170	-	-10	800	4.7	5.5
450	378	Prudential	412	415	-3	17.8	4.3	14.3
155	95	Rd in Gp	135	139		4.7	3.1	28.6
210	137	Reinsurance (J) Hld	198	201	●-2	8.2	4.1	10.6
449	288	Rpt Bk Scot (aa)	435	436	●+1	15.6	3.6	10.5
15½	7½	Schlesinger	15	16		18.5	6.7	24.1
841	578	Sand Court (aa)	808	812	-3	580	6.4	10.1
10⅞	7⅝	TNI (aa)	9⅞	9¾	●-3⅛	6.5	7.0	6.6
10½	8½	Ulster	10	10¼		6.3	6.2	11.7
37⅛	27½	Wells Fargo	10⅜	-		1		
510	290	Warburg	500	520		8.5	1.7	20.1

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

450	193	Abacus	415	445				
297	203	Aberdeen Constr	278	287	-5	12.1	4.3	12.2
449	270	Amec	437	438	●-5	16.4	3.7	16.5
153	78	Anglo Utd	84	86	-1	1.4		
143	58	Ansells	137	140		2.2	1.6	19.2
324	217	Ashtenden	300	307		12.0	3.9	20.0
882	527	BPB Ind (aa)	838	848	●-10	17.1	2.0	10.8
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	305	315	●+5	12.7	0.9	41.9
54	31	Bailey (Geo) Constr	28	31		1.5	1.9	16.0
252	158	Barratt Devs	205	206	-7	11.4	5.5	8.2
203	160	Bellway	202	206		10.3	5.1	10.1
530	334	Berkeley Gp	498	508	-6	34.0	6.7	9.3
89	65	Bett Bros	85	87	-3	4.5	5.2	7.1
73	37	Bloomsbry	37	39		1.5	3.8	37.5
574	335	Blue Circle	507	510	-9	15.8	3.1	10.1
475	200	Bredero&Closed Hld	199	219		7.7	3.7	39.7
198	86	Br Gypsum	180	184	+2	5.5	2.9	34.8
81	14	Brown & Jackson	67½	69				
180½	79	Bryant	130	132		30.0	23	17.8
38½	11	Burnett & Hallam	36	37				29
297	149	Cals	177	177				
104	80	Caledonian Rdstry	100	101		5.2	3.6	18.1
183	114	Church (Arthur)	150	153	-8	10.8	7.5	10.1
278	150	Costain Gp	268	273	-1	15.5	5.8	9.6
364	265	Costain	358	364	-1	13.0	3.6	9.6
131½	70	Countrywide	124	126	-3	6.0	4.8	10.3
215	129	Douglas (RAH)	210	212	-3	9.9	4.7	9.8
214	118	Estis	211	213	+1	5.9	2.8	20.0
181	88	Fairview	164	164		2.4	1.4	28.8
126	78	Do A	110	110		2.4	2.2	26.2
263	118	Federated Hsg	259	270	-3	5.5	2.0	18.9
182	88	Fitzan Gp	170	173	-2	5.1b	3.0	10.7
174	97	Galliford	170	172	-3	6.9	4.0	7.5
275	174	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	270	280		9.7	3.5	10.9
595	348	Gleeson (MJ)	570	585	●-7	24.7	4.2	10.9
395	162	Harrison Ind	298	302		7.9	2.6	18.6
298	172	Henderson	253	262	●-10	10.3	4.0	23.8
148	74	Hendon Stuart	139	140	●-1	4.0	2.9	18.1
406	228	Heywood Williams	394	396	-4	18.6	4.7	21.5
425	270	Higgs & Hill	402	410		18.3	4.5	19.4
143	49	Howard Sml	124	127	-4	2.1	1.7	50.4
291	152	Ibstock Johnsen	178	180	-4	8.1	4.5	9.9
850	470	Jarvis (J) & Sons	760	850	●+5	20.6	2.4	12.6
414	252	Lang (J)	400	404	-6	7.8	1.9	13.6
414	253	Do A	400	404	-6	7.8	1.9	13.6
194	98	Lovell (Wallter)	184	185	●-4	5.5	3.0	18.0
74	42	Lilley (F.C)	66	68	+1			
314	192	Lovell (Y.J)	298	303	●-6	6.0	2.0	20.7
406	242	Magnet & South	366	370	-10	8.2	2.2	24.4
413	325	Marshalls	410	415	+2	13.7	3.3	21.8
1911	1250	Marley	1750	1800	-12	86.6	4.8	9.3
353	188	Marshalls (Halifax)	330	335	-12	8.6	2.6	27.3
677	386	McAlpine (Alfred)	680	694	-7	19.9	3.1	15.0
488	303	McCarthy & S	386	388	●-8	4.7	0.8	36.0
464	298	Meyer Int	429	433	●-12	9.6	2.4	15.2
171	38	Miller (Stanley)	115	120		1.7	1.4	82.5
541	360	Mowlem (John)	520	522	●-5	21.9	4.2	15.5
12½	7½	Newarthill	12	12½		1.1	1.4	55.8
242	158	Newman Tonks	221	223	●-2	10.1	4.5	10.5
596	352	Pearson	568	578	-5	66.0	1.5	20.5
158	86	Phoenix Timber	147	152	●-2	2.1	1.4	17.9
495	370	Pochins	486	495		19.2	3.9	13.9
574	341	RMC Gp (aa)	535	540	-5	22.0	4.1	9.6
167	73½	Rank Ind	159	162	-4	6.6	4.1	24.1
571	399	Redland (aa)	533	535	-6	17.8	3.3	14.8
206	97	Rotherod	195	200		4.8	2.4	17.4
254	194	Rugby Cement	241	243		9.6	3.4	18.6
156	113	Sandale Perkins	150	152		6.7	4.4	10.2
257	152	Sharpe & Fisher	238	240	-4	11.1	4.6	10.8
136	88	Smart (J)	135	138	●-1	6.7	4.9	19.8
418	296	Stanley	395	398	-1	17.0	4.3	10.6
191	51	Tarmac (aa)	188	190	-2	7.5	3.9	35.9
348	308	Taylor Woodrow	510	515	-5	13.6	2.7	15.8
407	197	Tilbury Group	345	355	-5	9.7	2.8	16.6
423	343	Travis & Arnold	415	420	-3	7.4	1.8	20.7
315	200	Trust	300	302	-4	16.4	5.1	
394	198	Tunnh	390	395	-5	3.2	0.8	33.1
816	309	Vibroplant	790	810	-5	17.1	2.1	23.2
206	99	Ward Group	193	198	+2	5.1	2.6	22.1
781	307	Ward Hldgs	775	780	●-5	11.8	1.5	18.8
200	93	Warrington (T)	195	195	+3			
368	208	Watts Blake	364	367	-1	7.6	2.1	20.4
200	152	Western Bros	170	190				18.1
296	195	Wiggins	288	292	-4	7.6	2.2	21.4
298	195	Wilson Bowden	288	293				
445	242	Wilson (Connolly)	415	420	-7	10.0	2.8	21.8
277	178	Wimpey (George)	258	262	-1	6.5	2.6	14.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

51⅞	38	AKZO N/V Bearer	51		-¼	4.0	7.8	
346	241	Allied Colloids	327	330	●-9	51	15.6	19.5
686	452	Amersham	638	640	●-5	11.2	1.8	26.0
465	252	Anchor Chemical	458	460	●+5	6.8	1.5	18.4
215	155	BTP	180	183	●+1	7.6	4.2	21.2
119	64	Bayer DM50	111⅝			7.0	6.3	
235	132	Biogen	231	236	-1	9.9	4.2	22.6
231	163	Brent Chems	215	218	-5	6.3b	2.9	20.0
148	108	Bk Borneo	142	145	●+6	2.7	1.9	15.8
214	139	Cambrian (W)	207	210	-2	5.7	2.7	17.3
425	288	Coalite	415	416	●-9	12.0	2.9	13.4
338	213	Coates Bros	338	338		7.5	2.1	19.4
338	111	Do A	338	338	●+2	7.5	2.1	19.4
231	163	Colvilles (Horace)	208	211	-3	7.8	3.7	10.0
46	23	Corp	43	44	-3	1.0	2.3	45.2
265	171	Croda	253	254	●-3	11.0	4.3	20.6
247	154	Do Old	240	241	●-2			19.7
381	221	Ellis & Everard	377	381	●-1	9.6	2.5	19.9
211	131	Exact	210	213	●-2	5.9	2.8	19.7
242	142	Fosseo-Mineps	238	242		12.6	4.1	19.6
268	166	Halstead (James)	260	260	-1	7.5	2.9	14.9
886	440	Hickson	880	887	-2	24.0	3.0	16.4
185	72½	Hoechst DM50	180	182				
185	105	Holt Lloyd	181	183	●+3	6.4	3.5	22.4
15⅝	10	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	14½	14¾		1.0	6.8	15.7
518	405	Laporte	518	522	-15	14.0	2.7	17.3
22	12	Lawes	19	19½	-1	0.6	3.1	31.7
22	13	Next Hydro	19½			0.3†		
268	168	Physo	236	238	●-2	10.1	4.2	17.4
276	182	Rexnord	270	272	-1	5.8	2.1	24.2
210	54	Scottish Speakman	147	151	-1	3.0	2.0	24.0
368	148	Wolstenholme Rink	368	378	+3	12.0	3.5	13.5
207	163	Yule Catto	197	200	-6	7.1	3.4	16.6
573	245	Yule Catto	570	575	-7	16.4	2.9	20.6

CINEMAS AND TV

548	302	Anglia TV 'A'	410	418	●-20	16.4	4.0	11.4
614	310	Central TV	547	555	-25	23.4	4.2	13.9
577	341	Granada 'A'	540	550	-20	23

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range July 22	Market rates close July 22	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5945-1.6040	1.5945-1.5955	0.33-0.30prem	0.95-0.90prem
Montreal	2.1047-2.1205	2.1047-2.1077	0.10-0.01prem	0.29-0.16prem
Amst'dam	3.3373-3.3456	3.3429-3.3474	1¼-1prem	3⅜-3¼prem
Brussels	61.44-61.82	61.50-61.62	18-11prem	47-36prem
C'phgen	11.2412-11.3146	11.2476-11.2706	5-5½dis	2¼-3dis
Dublin	1.1080-1.1136	1.1089-1.1099	0-6dis	0-12dis
Frankfurt	2.9658-2.9818	2.9706-2.9748	1½-1¼prem	4½-3¾prem
Lisbon	231.13-233.38	231.20-232.15	172-228dis	294-377dis
Madrid	203.08-204.35	203.43-203.71	215-271dis	375-457dis
Milan	2142.21-2157.36	2146.20-2150.73	1-4dis	3-10dis
Oslo	10.8153-10.8872	10.8211-10.8438	8½-8¼dis	12½-13¼dis
Paris	9.8660-9.9167	9.8739-9.8861	1¼-1prem	3¼-2¾prem
St'khlm	10.3140-10.3763	10.3268-10.3444	3¾-3⅝dis	3-4¼prem
Tokyo	242.75-244.21	242.84-243.23	1¼-1prem	3⅜-3¾prem
Vienna	20.84-20.98	20.86-20.89	9¼-8¼ prem	26½-24½prem
Zurich	2.4575-2.4726	2.4627-2.4666	1¼-1prem	3¼-3¼prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 72.6 (day's range 72.5-72.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	3.0600-3.0723
Australia dollar	2.2459-2.2490
Bahrain dinar	0.6025-0.6065
Brazil cruzado*	71.878-72.230
Cyprus pound	0.7800-0.7900
Finland markka	7.1650-7.2050
Greece drachma	224.25-226.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.4599-12.4694
India rupee	20.88-21.08
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4545-0.4585
Malaysia dollar	4.0685-4.0727
Mexico peso	2215.0-2265.0
New Zealand dollar	2.6112-2.6173
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9925-6.0325
Singapore dollar	3.3776-3.3814
S Africa rand (fin)	5.2727-5.3648
S Africa rand (com)	3.2975-3.3065
U A E dirham	5.8675-5.9075

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4410-1.4440
Singapore	2.1170-2.1180
Malaysia	2.5500-2.5510
Australia	0.7099-0.7104
Canada	1.3200-1.3205
Sweden	6.4700-6.4750
Norway	6.7875-6.7925
Denmark	7.0550-7.0600
West Germany	1.8605-1.8612
Switzerland	1.5416-1.5426
Netherlands	2.0935-2.0945
France	6.1850-6.1900
Japan	152.20-152.30
Italy	1344.6-1345.6
Belgium(Comm)	38.54-38.57
Austria	13.08-13.10

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	2,900	*English China*	558	*Rank Org*	423
Amstrad	5,200	Fisons	1,600	Rank Hovis	329
Argyll	1,000	Gen Accident	443	Redland	506
ASDA-MFI	5,200	GEC	5,600	Reckitt Colman	137
Ass Br Foods	274	GKN	2,700	Reed Int	2,400
BET	2,400	Glaxo	1,300	Reuters	1,100
BTR	6,800	Globe IT	1,500	RMC Group	519
BAT	2,400	Granada	385	RTZ	1,000
Barclays	1,800	Grand Met	1,500	Rolls-Royce	5,400
Bass	357	GUS 'A'	270	Rowntree	335
Beecham	8,700	GRE	783	Royal B of Scot	2,600
Blue Circle	1,800	Gurnness	4,200	Royal Ins	3,800
BOC	1,800	*Hammerson 'A'*	260	*Saatchi*	1,000
Boots	9,100	Hanson	14,000	Sainsbury (J)	5,000
BPB Ind	1,200	Hawker Siddeley	700	Sears	14,000
BPCC	1,200	Hillsdown	2,300	Sedgwick Gp	2,100
Br Aerospace	2,900	Imp Chem Ind	2,200	Shell	3,100
Br Airways	3,700	Jaguar	1,700	Smith & Nephew	2,700
Brit Comm	990	Ladbroke	1,300	STC	1,800
Br Gas	19,000	Land Securities	2,500	Stan Chart	1,400
Br Petroleum	11,000	Legal & Gen	1,100	Storehouse	10,000
Br Telecom	8,100	Lloyds	1,900	Sun Alliance	241
Bristol	3,300	Lonhro	3,800	Tarmac	2,800
Bunzl	4,400	Marks & Spencer	3,600	TSB P/P	7,000
Burton	4,500	*MEPC*	1,800	*Tesco*	3,800
Cable & Wireless	6,300	Midland	2,300	Thorn EMI	2,600
Cadbury Schwep	3,800	*Nat Westl*	1,400	*Trafalgar House*	1,300
Coats Viyella	1,800	Next	2,200	Trusthouse Forte	4,400
Com Union	4,300	P & O Dfrd	1,000	Ungate	2,000
Cons Goldfields	1,700	Pearson	214	Unilever	1,700
Cookson Gp	561	Pilkington Bros	874	Utd Biscuits	774
Courtaulds	692	Plessey	7,900	*Wellcome*	1,700
Dee Corp	4,400	Prudential	978	Whitbread 'A'	2,400
Dixons Gp	3,000	Racal Elect	4,200	Woolworth	3,500

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Sep 87	90.66	90.68	90.24	90.34	13003
Dec 87	90.64	90.64	90.15	90.25	1835
Mar 88	90.56	90.56	90.11	90.22	587
Jun 88	90.45	90.45	90.05	90.17	181
Sep 88	NT	----	----	90.13	0
Dec 88	NT	----	----	89.92	0
Mar 89	NT	----	----	89.67	0
Jun 89	NT	----	----	89.52	0
	Previous day's total open interest 13635				
Three Month Eurodollar					
Sep 87	92.80	92.85	92.76	92.78	4577
Dec 87	92.50	92.53	92.44	92.46	1353
Mar 88	92.27	92.28	92.21	92.22	180
Jun 88	92.02	92.06	92.01	91.99	27
Sep 88	91.83	91.83	91.83	91.77	10
Dec 88	NT	----	----	91.56	0
Mar 89	NT	----	----	91.35	0
Jun 89	NT	----	----	91.17	0
	Previous day's total open interest 28184				
US Treasury Bond					
Sep 87	90-23	90-31	90-06	90-15	7411
Dec 87	89-25	89-25	89-25	89-15	20
Long Gilt					
Sep 87	122-28	122-28	120-12	120-26	51276
Dec 87	120-18	120-18	120-18	120-22	11
FT-SE 100					
Sep 87	242.00	243.40	236.50	236.50	3478
Dec 87	NT	----	----	241.00	0
	Previous day's total open interest 6878				
Japanese Government Bond					
Sep 87	106.50	106.95	106.33	106.95	2305
Dec 87	NT	----	----	105.95	0
	Previous day's total open interest 1888				

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Allied Lyons (*455)	390	67	82	92	¼	3	7
	420	37	55	70	1	10	15
	460	1½	30	45	7	10	22
British Gas (*184)	165	19	24	32	¼	4	7
	180	4	16	23	½	12	15
	200	¼	7	13	18	25	28
British Airways (*161)	140	21	27	41	½	5	9
	160	1½	16	27	1	13	18
	180	¼	7	18	21	25	26
BP (*386)	360	26	45	61	1	14	20
	390	2	24	47	7	26	31
	420	2	16	43	37	46	50
Bristol (*320)	280	41	51	57	1	7	12
	300	21	37	46	½	12	22
	330	1	22	31	12	26	33
Cons Gold (*1275)	1100	175	215	145	1	17	30
	1150	125	180	215	1	30	40
	1200	—	155	190	—	48	65
Courtaulds (*500)	420	82	94	108	1	3	5
	460	42	60	78	1	7	12
	500	2	30	52	2	20	28
	550	—	14	32	—	52	56
Com Union (*376)	330	47	60	68	½	5	7
	360	17	37	45	1	15	19
	390	1	20	31	16	28	34
Cable & Wire (*389)	360	30	50	65	1	9	18
	390	1	33	47	3	22	30
	420	2	16	30	33	43	52
	460	1	9	17	73	77	78
GEC (*240)	220	20	28	38	1	6	10
	240	1½	18	26	1½	17	24
	260	¼	11	19	21	30	34
Grand Met (*584)	460	125	132	145	½	1	2
	500	85	93	110	½	3	8
	550	35	55	73	1	17	22
	600	½	28	47	20	40	45
ICI (*1498)	1400	100	148	180	2	25	40
	1450	52	103	145	2	40	60
	1500	4	75	117	7	65	83
	1550	2	55	95	55	95	106
Land Securities (*550)	500	53	75	87	¼	10	20
	550	3	45	58	3	30	40
	600	1	20	38	52	60	68
Marks & Spen (*254)	240	14	30	38	½	7½	13
	250	½	20	27	8	16	21
	280	⅛	11	17	28	31	35
Rolls Royce (*116)	110	7	16	21	1	6	9
	120	½	11	16	5	13	15
	130	⅛	7	12	15	20	22
	140	⅛	5	9	25	27	29
Shell Trans (*1485)	1400	85	125	185	1	18	38
	1450	38	105	155	3	40	63
	1500	2	80	130	18	73	90
Trafalgar House (*420)	360	62	70	78	1	4	5
	390	32	47	62	1	10	17
	420	2	30	47	3	25	33
TSB (*93)	80	13	17½	21	¼	2	2½
	90	3	10	14	½	4	5
	100	½	6	10	8½	10	11
Woolworth (*401)	400	5	32	50	3	17	32
	425	1	22	35	27	40	47
	450	½	11	20	52	60	68
	500	⅛	3	11	102	105	105

Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Bass (*1015)	950	100	120	140	12	28	37
	1000	65	90	115	30	50	60
	1050	35	70	100	60	85	100
GKN (*361)	300	67	74	83	1	5	9
	330	40	51	61	9	14	19
	360	27	34	42	25	31	35
	390	13	22	32	44	48	51
Jaguar (*586)	500	98	115	130	5	14	22
	550	62	83	100	17	30	36
	600	32	49	67	40	47	55

Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad (*174)	160	24	34	42	6	10	14
	180	15	24	29	14	21	24
	200	6	14	20	29	32	36
Beecham (*565)	460	115	125	—	2	5	—
	500	77	102	105	5	12	16
	550	40	57	73	17	27	32
	600	15	33	48	42	52	55
Boots (*303)	280	33	42	53	7	11	15
	300	23	32	41	14	19	23
	330	11	21	27	33	37	40
BTR (*335)	300	45	52	60	2	8	11
	330	23	32	40	10	19	23
	360	9	19	28	30	36	40
Blue Circle (*508)	475	47	70	—	4	23	—
	500	33	58	70	18	35	40
	550	12	30	47	53	60	68
De Beers (*1440)	1100	270	320	—	—	60	—
	1200	200	260	—	70	100	—
	1300	140	210	—	125	140	—
	1400	90	155	—	—	—	—
Dixons (*369)	351	28	—	—	6	—	—

Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Dixons cont	360	—	40	46	—	20	28
	381	16	—	—	26	—	—
Glaxo (*1772)	1650	180	225	275	27	57	73
	1700	145	190	245	43	75	90
	1750	110	160	216	63	95	110
	1800	85	137	190	88	120	135
Hanson (*183)	150	36	—	—	1	—	—
	165	22½	—	—	2	—	—
	180	11½	18	21	6	9	12
	200	4	8¼	12½	18	21	23
Sears (*173)	140	36	39½	43½	1	3	3½
	160	18½	23½	28½	2½	4½	7½
	180	6½	12½	17½	10	13½	15
Tesco (*193)	183	19	26	34	7	11	13
	200	9	16	26	14	16	19
	220	4	10	18	30	33	36
Thorn EMI (*756)	650	120	150	—	3	5	—
	700	72	100	120	8	13	23
	750	45	72	945	27	40	50
	800	20	45	64	52	62	74
THF (*260)	240	24	33	38	2½	4	7
	260	13	24	28	12	16	18
	280	4	16	21	25	28	31

Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Brt Aero (*526)	500	40	60	73	9	23	30
	550	12	25	52	35	50	57
	600	5	15	32	75	85	90
BAT Inds (*560)	500	165	173	188	1	2	3
	550	115	127	142	1	6	9
	600	67	83	102	2	15	18
	650	28	52	73	18	32	38
Brit Telecom (*286)	260	28	32	—	1½	5	—
	280	11	22	36	8	15	16
	300	4	15	24	23	28	30
Cadbury Schwpps (*268)	240	31	38	46	1	4	6
	260	15	27	34	5	9	14
	280	6	18	24	18	22	26
Gurnness (*365)	330	40	52	63	3	12	17
	360	18	33	43	10	22	27
	390	6	23	30	30	38	45
Ladbroke (*442)	373	75	—	—	½	—	—
	403	45	57	—	1½	10	—
	443	17	33	—	14	27	—
LASMO (*386)	280	90	97	104	1½	2	3
	300	70	79	88	1½	5	7
	330	44	59	69	5	11	15
Plessey (*209)	200	16	24	32	4	9	11
	220	8	14	21	17	19	22
	240	1½	7	16	33	37	40
P&O (*753)	638	122	133	152	2	5	7
	686	73	88	110	3	13	17
	750	27	52	70	20	30	38
Prudential (*1015)	1050	27	57	90	47	75	90
	1100	27	40	70	95	107	115
Racal (*280)	240	44	52	62	1	4	7
	260	27	36	45	2	10	13
	280	16	26	36	13	18	22
RTZ (*1260)	1000	275	290	315	3	6	9
	1050	225	245	275	3	10	15
	1100	175	200	235	5	17	25
	1150	130	170	210	12	32	40
Vaal Reef (*146)	130	18½	23	29½	4	9	15
	140	10½	17½	25	7½	14	19½
	150	6	13	20½	12	18	22½

Series	Aug	Dec	Mar	Aug	Dec	Mar
Barclays (*628)	500	135	142	157	2	6	10
	550	90	98	1117	4	10	17
	600	40	65	85	10	20	32
Midland Bank (*624)	600	35	60	75	12	17	30
	650	7	35	50	37	40	47
	700	3	13	—	87	90	—

Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Lonrho (*295)	218	81	—	—	1	—	—
	236	63	68	—	1	2	—
	255	48	53	—	1½	4	—
	273	31	38	—	5	8	—
	300	13	23	32	15	19	22

Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Tr 11¾% 1991 (£107)	106	1⅜	1½	1⅞	½	1⅛	1⅜
	108	⅛	⅜	¾	2⅛	2½	3⅜
	110	1⅛	⅛	⅜	3⅜	4⅛	4⅞
	112	1⅛	⅛	⅛	5⅜	5⅞	6½
Tr 11¼% 03/07 (£719)	118	2⅜	3⅞	—	1⅜	2⅝	—
	120	1⅛	2⅜	3	2⅜	3⅛	4⅜
	122	⅜	1½	2¼	3⅜	5	5⅝
	124	⅛	1⅛	1⅞	5⅛	6⅛	7⅛
	126	1⅛	⅜	1⅛	7⅜	7⅞	8¾

		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
FT-SE Index (*2352)	2100	260	269	—	—	½	2	—	—
	2150	210	222	235	—	⅝	6	13	—
	2200	160	178	192	—	1½	7	20	—
	2250	110	133	155	170	3	16	28	40
	2300	65	92	120	143	6	31	45	53
	2350	32	65	90	110	27	50	63	73
	2400	15	40	63	82	57	78	93	100
	2450	3	25	43	60	102	105	123	130

July 22, 1987. Total contracts 71508. Calls 45362. Puts 26146.
FT-SE Index. Calls 1570. Puts 3765

*Underlying security price.

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(Issue price in brackets).

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Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9
Finance House 9

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8½ Low 6
Week fixed: 8¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth $8^{29}/_{32}$	2 mnth $8^{13}/_{16}$
3 mnth 8¾	3 mnth $8^{13}/_{16}$

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth $8^{3}/_{32}$–$8^{1}/_{16}$	2 mnth $8^{15}/_{16}$–$8^{27}/_{32}$
3 mnth $8^{15}/_{16}$–8¾	6 mnth $9^{1}/_{16}$–$8^{15}/_{16}$

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth $9^{1}/_{32}$	2 mnth $9^{5}/_{16}$
3 mnth $9^{1}/_{16}$	6 mnth $9^{13}/_{16}$

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9 close 8½

1 week $8^{11}/_{16}$–$8^{5}/_{16}$	6 mnth $9^{11}/_{16}$–$9^{5}/_{16}$
1 mnth $9^{1}/_{16}$–$8^{13}/_{16}$	9 mnth $9^{13}/_{16}$–$9^{7}/_{16}$
3 mnth $9^{1}/_{16}$–$8^{13}/_{16}$	12 mnth $9^{13}/_{16}$–$9^{11}/_{16}$

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days 8⅝	7 days 8⅝
1 mnth 8⅞	3 mnth $8^{15}/_{16}$
6 mnth 9	12 mnth 9

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth $9^{5}/_{16}$–$9^{1}/_{16}$	2 mnth $9^{5}/_{16}$–$9^{1}/_{16}$
3 mnth $9^{5}/_{16}$–$9^{1}/_{16}$	6 mnth $9^{1}/_{16}$–$9^{1}/_{16}$
9 mnth $9^{1}/_{16}$–$9^{1}/_{16}$	12 mnth $9^{1}/_{16}$–$9^{1}/_{16}$

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth 9-8¾	*3 mnth* 9¼-9⅛
6 mnth $9^{1}/_{16}$–$9^{1}/_{16}$	12 mnth 9⅝-9½

Dollar CDs (%)

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6 mnth 7.05-7.00	12 mnth 7.40-7.35

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	7-6	
7 days 6⅝-$6^{7}/_{16}$	1 mnth $6^{11}/_{16}$–$6^{9}/_{16}$		
3 mnth 6⅝-6¾	6 mnth 7¼-7		
Deutschmark	call	4-3	
7 days 3¼-3⅛	1 mnth $3^{13}/_{16}$–$3^{11}/_{16}$		
3 mnth $3^{15}/_{16}$–$3^{13}/_{16}$	6 mnth 4¼-4		
French Franc	call	8¼-7½	
7 days $7^{3}/_{16}$–$7^{1}/_{16}$	1 mnth $7^{11}/_{16}$–$7^{9}/_{16}$		
3 mnth 8-7¾	6 mnth 8¼-8⅛		
Swiss Franc	call	1⅝-1½	
7 days 1⅝-1½	1 mnth 3¼-3⅛		
3 mnth $3^{5}/_{16}$–$3^{1}/_{16}$	6 mnth $3^{15}/_{16}$–$3^{13}/_{16}$		
Yen	call	3½-2¾	
7 days 3½-3⅜	1 mnth $3^{5}/_{16}$–$3^{1}/_{16}$		
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THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

July 23, 1987

John Barnes: Competence is central to the new developments in our examination system

Qualifications must reflect the needs and standards of the job



John Barnes is director-general of the City and Guilds of London Institute

Examination bodies are the custodians of the nation's standards. They set the benchmarks for achievement in the education and training system, and because of this their work is of central concern to industry and commerce. Readers of *The Times* will no doubt be aware of recent developments in the academic exam system. The "merger" of CSE and GCE into the new GCSE, for example, has received widespread publicity. What have attracted less attention, however, although they are of equal significance, are the changes that are taking place within the vocational examining system.

After more than a century of *ad hoc* and fragmented arrangements, a national framework of vocational qualifications for England and Wales is currently being set up through the new National Council for Vocational Qualifications.

As well as widening the prospects for individuals in their own careers, NCVQ should also contribute to the modernization of our whole training system. And for that reason organizations such as the CBI and the TUC, as well as examining bodies such as City and Guilds, are giving NCVQ its support.

As Sir David Nickson, the CBI president, commented: "No employer would quarrel with the decision to set up a National Council for Vocational Qualifications. The economy can only benefit if we have better qualified people and if vocational qualifications relate realistically to the *competence* required at work."

It is this question of competence that is central to all the new developments. It has certainly been a matter of concern to us at City and Guilds for some time.

When you visit a dentist or an accountant for the first time it is always reassuring to see the certificates and diplomas framed on the wall. And if you are about to recruit 200 engineering technicians for a big export order you want to be confident that through their City and Guilds qualifications they have the expertise for the task.

To be truly worthwhile, however, those certificates and qualifications need to reflect the real content of the job and to be at a standard that mirrors the demands of the real world. They also need to be part of a national system that is simple and recognizable.

The NCVQ should help achieve this. Through its award of National Vocational Qualification status to qualifications that meet its criteria, it will ensure that henceforth vocational qualifications endorsed as NVQs (rather like the Design Council's kitemark) really are a sign of an ability to perform to the standard required by industry as a whole and at a level that is clear and understood.

The City and Guilds of London Institute has been right at the heart of this development. As the largest vocational examining body in the country it has been setting the standards for the vocational education of craftsmen and technicians for more than a century. The scale of its work is colossal. For example, City and Guilds currently offers 1,154 different examinations spread over 320 subject areas and embracing everything from catering to computing, textiles to tourism.

Taken altogether these attracted 430,000 individual candidates in 1985-86 and, despite the declining birthrate, the numbers look likely to grow. Initiatives such as the Youth Training Scheme and the new Job Training Scheme are drawing more and more people into the qualifications system. And there has also been an encouraging interest in our qualifications from schools and colleges as the message about the value of a technical and vocational education reaches pupils and parents alike.

City and Guilds has enjoyed its growth in these new areas. It has always believed in the need to work as closely as possible with its "customers". And it has also believed in the need to set high standards whatever the level of work with which it was dealing.

Now, more than ever before perhaps, the future success of the country depends on the way in which we in the examining and validating bodies can maintain or enhance these standards.

Already there have been some significant achievements in tackling the country's long-term problems over skill shortages and inadequate training. YTS has shown how young people with low educational attainments can be converted into attractive job prospects through good workplace training linked to vocational education leading to City and Guilds and other qualifications.

For my part, I am very conscious that setting "industrial standards" for our qualifications is a vital taks. During the 1960s and 1970s it used to be said jokingly that industry employed two groups of people. The first group made the product. The second mended it. Unfortunately, the reality behind the joke on inefficiency contributed to the loss of our export markets and highlighted the difference between "educational standards" (where 80 per cent was normally regarded as being a good mark) and "industry standards" (where a mere 80 per cent pass rate at quality control means a huge amount of waste).

Nowadays, of course, we are realizing that complete accuracy, precision and punctuality to deadlines are essential and those kinds of standards need to be built into the vocational examination system. What is more, those standards need to be achieved under realistic working conditions. Traditional "examination conditions" may ensure that candidates don't cheat but they don't necessarily have much to do with the everyday demands of work or the standards that are required.

Even industrial standards, however, are not set in stone. They are bound to change over time. New methods, products and techniques have created the need to train and retrain, and for exam bodies to test and re-test, on many occasions during a working life.

The electrical contracting industry recently demonstrated how this can be done. Following the publication of new wiring regulations, which brought Britain into line with the EEC, 65,000 qualified electricians were retrained and then "requalified" over a period of three years by taking a City and Guilds test.

Similarly in our information technology scheme we aim to be ahead of the field by continually developing new assessments appropriate to new techniques, which can then be taken by IT staff as the need arises in order to keep their level of competence up to date.

The upshot of all these developments — in NCVQ, in modes of study and assessment — is that in the future we shall have an increasingly "open system", in which individuals will both study and qualify through a mixture of methods using whatever is right at the time.

Qualifications derived from assessing competence are likely to be based on the accumulation of credits so that people can be educated and trained in ways that allow for progression from the basic shop-floor level through to the highest professional standing.

Too often in the past people have been thwarted by unnecessary obstacles in the system. For the sake of both industry and individual fulfilment that must now change. Only then can you release and channel people's energy and abilities so that their talents and ambitions can be fully realized — and, of course, so that they can gain a certificate to prove it.

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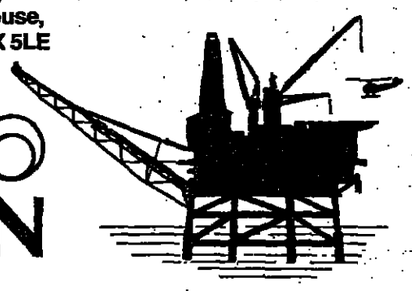
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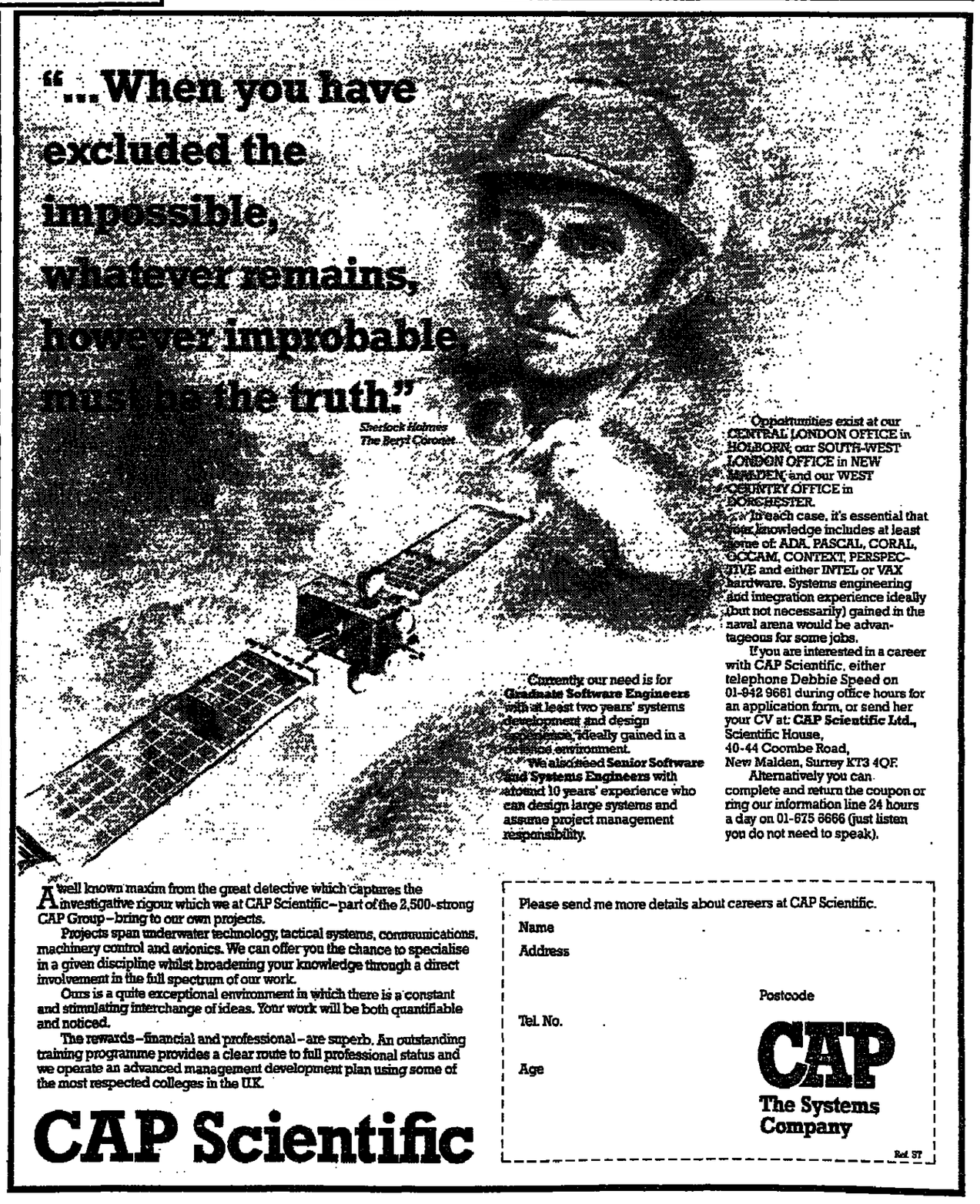
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TENNIS: PERSONALITIES AND POLITICS MEET IN THE DAVIS CUP

Cash giving no quarter

From Richard Evans
Fréjus, France

The Davis Cup, so splendidly reorganized by the late International Tennis Federation (ITF) secretary, David Gray, who managed to retain the flavour of the competition whilst stream-lining it to fit into the congested professional calendar, reaches the quarter-final stage this weekend. Once again the draw is awash with personal and political aspirations.

In Australia, Pat Cash makes his first competitive appearance since winning Wimbledon when Neale Fraser's team meet Mexico. Cash is not a man to be daunted by the big occasion.

Luck, of course, can not be the sole reason for Fraser's extraordinary feat of leading an often ordinary team to the semi-final or beyond in all but one of his 17 years as captain. But somehow Australia have managed another succession of home ties that should ensure their appearance in the final for the third time in five years.

Normally, Fraser would have expected to play Czechoslovakia in the final in October but Israel proved that the Davis Cup is the least predictable of sporting competitions by beating Jan Kodes's nervous squad in Prague in the first round. They now find themselves making a historic visit to India, courtesy of the Indian captain, Vijay Amritraj.

The original word from Delhi was that Israel would not be allowed in because the two nations do not have diplomatic relations. But Amritraj appealed personally to the Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, and gained special permission to entertain the Israelis, for whom Amos Mansdorf is now a considerable threat, on grass in New Delhi.



Serving his country: Vijay Amritraj facing Israel in Delhi

The very fact that Paraguay are having to play Spain in Caracas, Venezuela, suggests that politics laid a heavy hand on that tie as well. It did.

Following rowdy crowd behaviour and attempted intimidation of the referee by the Paraguayan federation president, Velazquez Ugarte, during the defeat of the United States in Asuncion, the Davis Cup committee banned Paraguay from playing at home for the remainder of the year.

A delegation headed by the Paraguayan player, Victor Pecci, and the co-owner of the splendid Yacht and Golf Club Paraguayos, Richard Kent, flew to Paris to protest the very harsh decision. It was suggested to them by a neutral observer that the removal of their president might give the ITF president, Philippe Chatrier, the opportunity of reviewing the situation.

By Wimbledon, the deed was done. "It was a bit bloody," Kent admitted, "but we got him out."

Sure enough Chatrier responded by agreeing to let Paraguay play the remainder of their matches at home should they beat Spain. That would not have been easy in the best of circumstances but at least Paraguayans will now see some point in making the effort and, as a result, the task of those Wimbledon doubles finalists, Emilio Sanchez and Sergio Casal, has become considerably tougher.

The winners' task in the semi-final will be tough in any case because their opponents will be the survivors of the round's most fascinating contest between France and Sweden here.

Unhappily, Yannick Noah's withdrawal has tipped the balance in favour of a Swedish squad that is so strong the services of Joakim Nystrom and Mikael Pernfors are not required. But as Henri Leconte is capable of anything, Mats Wilander and Kent Carlsson will have to continue the fine form they have been displaying in America.

Talking of the United States, there is that little matter to be settled in Hartford, Connecticut. Gray's introduction of promotion and relegation to the world group has added new pressures — as Britain keep finding out — and this time it has left the United States in the parlous position of having to beat West Germany to stay out of a zone that would condemn them to even more horrors on the South American continent.

SPORTS LETTERS

Reasons for loss of office

From Mr Colin Scott McDougall

Sir, I take great exception at the mischievous and erroneous comments which you ascribe to Vivien Saunders (July 15) about the reasons why I, as honorary secretary of the Eynesbury Hardwicke golf course which she bought, resigned from my position within three weeks of her taking over. The simple reason was not that she was a woman, but that she conducted herself in such a manner that I had no option.

At the first committee meeting which she attended, she intimated that I would no longer have an office from which to operate. What other secretary of a golf club would continue under such dictatorial aggression? I was prepared to help her in every way possible but she reciprocated by screaming at me one night on the telephone about male chauvinism.

Miss Saunders arrived at our club in a blaze of publicity about the number of golf clubs which had turned her down as a golf professional and obviously the 'chip' on her shoulder has now become a monumental 'pitch'!

As I explained to her once, though she may have bought the real estate of a golf course and buildings, her money did not buy the hearts and souls of members, including lady members.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN SCOTT
McDOUGALL,
4 Lorraine Court,
Grange Road,
Bedford.

Cry from the heart

From Mr Richard Chaplin

Sir, "These days you can hit the most horrendous slice and the ball will correct itself." (Nicklaus). Would you please send me the name of the firm that makes this ball!

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD CHAPLIN,
9 St Peter's Hill,
Newlyn, Cornwall.

Tackling the drink problem

From The Chief Superintendent, North Yorkshire Police

Sir, In his 'End Column' (July 15) Jack Waterman draws attention to an incident at York races and to the increase in drunken rowdyism on racecourses over recent years.

As I have responsibility for policing York races I would like to comment on some of the points raised.

The connection between excessive drinking and bad behaviour is well established nationally and the two Saturday meetings at York in June and July have been a particular cause for concern for the past two years. In my view two factors are relevant:

1. The marketing of party rates has led to an increase in coach parties; there were almost 600 coaches at the racecourse on Saturday and many of these parties are drawn from public houses and registered clubs. It is not unusual for passengers to be seen to be the worse for drink on arrival and there is evidence that drink is carried on the coaches and consumed *en route*.

2. Brewery sponsorship, which not only encourages parties from public houses but, despite police objections, provides up to two pints of beer free at the racecourse to each member of the party.

The commercial pressures on racecourse management to attract ever larger crowds are obvious but the warning signs should be heeded. A major police operation is already necessary before and after the June and July Saturday race meetings to keep coaches out of the centre of York because of previous trouble, and local licensees voluntarily do not open their premises in the early evening until after the coaches have left the area.

Jack Waterman suggests that the answer is to amend the licensing laws, presumably by reducing the availability of drink on racecourses. The proposals in the Queen's speech, however, will allow licensees discretion to open for up to 12 hours each day. This year the York magistrates refused an application to extend the permitted hours at the racecourse, following police objections, but such applications will be difficult to refuse in the future.

Any alteration to the licensing laws should take account of the problems which have now arisen at racecourses and cricket grounds. Public tranquility in cities such as York would be better served by extension of some of the provisions of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol, etc) Act, 1985, which was introduced to combat football hooliganism, rather than by increased availability of drink.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. CAMPBELL,
Police Station,
Fulford Road, York.

Stewards' inquiries come under fire

From H. G. Littlefair

Sir, The article, 'Nipping racing's violence at bud' (July 15) by Jack Waterman, is interesting if for no other reason than that he omits to mention the catalyst for most racecourse misbehaviour. This, of course, is the stewards' inquiry.

Many of Britain's racing public have little, if any, confidence in the stewards particularly in their consistency and their inaccessibility. When stewards are drawn from all sides of racing, and not from one élite section of it, the punter's confidence will increase and behaviour improve.

Incidentally, your correspondent highlights the efforts being made at Epsom, Kempton and Sandown to improve behaviour. I have been on 44 racecourses in Britain, and I consistently find the worst manners and worst behaviour at Sandown.

Yours,
H. G. LITTLEFAIR,
4 Fallowfield Close,
Emmer Green, Reading.

Ways to sooth cricket public

From Mr Roger Goodacre

Sir, Cricket is an entertainment which has as much responsibility to its paying customers as the theatre: imagine the reaction and repercussions, if a theatre audience were to be informed half-way through the evening that the show was to be suspended for an indefinite period because the stuffy atmosphere had caused the leading lady to develop a headache.

The show must go on, and the cricket authorities should consider taking the following measures in the interests of its customers:

1. At Test matches, appoint an independent referee, who would have sole responsibility for deciding whether play should be suspended. The umpires currently are overburdened with responsibilities, and whether or not to play has commercial considerations which they should not have to adjudicate upon.

2. Ban the bad light regulations. Helmets and padding provide a protection which did not exist when these regulations were agreed. The referee would decide when conditions were such as to give one side an unfair advantage.

3. In first-class and Test cricket, allow no more than one above-shoulder-height ball per over. Why else are so many fingers being broken: if not from the insidious increase of short pitched bowling?

4. Use white balls, which afford everyone an infinitely better view of play. A dirty white ball is probably easier to see than a dirty red one; repaint the ball(s) during intervals. Allow new balls after 100 overs.

5. Insist on a minimum 100 overs' play per day in all Test matches played in this country. Any stoppage of any length should be made up, by extending play up to 7 p.m. at the latest, and by a more flexible reorganizing of lunch and tea breaks.

6. In one-day matches, where rules are artificial, place the bowling line at five yards from the crease: two-fifths of overs to be delivered from within this line; fast bowlers to be allowed their normal run-ups. This might help to encourage spin bowling, and discourage the emphasis on line and length *trundlers*.

Finally, let all TCCB representatives spend a day of a Test match in the public seats at an inadequately provisioned ground such as the Oval, preferably with a couple of children — and explain to them why it is that Mr Bird is pawing the ground and scratching his chin while the players are practising their fielding, when they should be playing cricket.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER GOODACRE,
41 Grandison Road,
Battersea,
London SW11 6LF.

The Open prize-giving was mishandled

From R. G. McIntosh

Sir, A growing problem at major sporting events is the behaviour of spectators. The cheering which greeted Paul Azinger's second shot at the 18th on Sunday is one example of this and while in no way condoning that I would like to draw attention to another incident at Muirfield. This is the contempt with which spectators were treated by the 'establishment' at the end of the event. Your correspondent has made some reference to this in today's paper (July 21) and I can only endorse his comments.

After enduring the most terrible weather for an Open in recent years the general public were virtually excluded from the prize-giving ceremony. As I saw, originally the ceremony was to take place close to the Clubhouse surrounded by R & A members, officials and the press, so that no one else could see. Only after considerable reaction from the crowd was the table reluctantly moved forward a few yards and even then the vision was still restricted for a great many. As a paying spectator I would hope for some acknowledgement from the authorities of the inadequacy of the arrangements and, indeed, their insult to the public.

Treat us as second-class citizens and that is how we will respond! Let us hope that more thought is put into this prior to Lytham in 1988.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. McINTOSH,
31 Hacketts Lane,
Pyrford, Woking.

Extra yardage

From Mr P. G. Newman

Sir, Today (July 17) you carried the advertisement for a particular golf ball which was claimed to be capable of reaching your page 38, whereas others (presumably inferior) only reach page 13.

This same golf ball advertisement appeared in *The Independent* and was claimed only capable of reaching page 27. Is there an explanation for this phenomenon, apart from the thickness of the paper?

Perhaps your readers are better golfers?

Yours faithfully,
P. G. NEWMAN,
Oakhill Cottage,
Moons Hill, Frensham,
Surrey.

FISHING

How to tackle rare tackle

By Conrad Voss Bark

A unique collection of fishing tackle from Victorian times to the present day is housed in the new £250,000 House of Hardy Museum which was officially opened by Princess Margaret last Saturday.

The museum at Alnwick, next to Hardy's factory, is the first of its kind in this country and contains some very rare exhibits. Among these are life-size models of Victorian fishermen of the time of Halford complete with canvas wader stockings, rods and lines.

Small items of Victorian tackle such as a pocket line greaser and a box of red deer fat which was used to make flies float as well as to oil the joints of rods line the display cabinets along with a rod of 1875 made of hickory and lancewood, a landing net of 1880 and a cast box and damper of 1886.

Fly fishermen who still have and use the CC de France split cane rod can see the original from 1911. Rods and reels of 100 years ago are certainly museum pieces but in fact will still fish very well indeed. I still use a Hardy Perfect salmon reel which dates back to before 1918 in everyday fishing which says a great deal for Hardy quality.

That quality was well known to the Royal Family. In 1922, when King George V was told it was Hardy's birthday he sent his birthday card to Alnwick instead of Thomas Hardy.

Among the sea fishing section is a big game rod of the kind used by Mitchell Hedges and Zane Grey which has a reel as big as a kettle.

The museum, just off the A1, some 30 miles beyond Newcastle, is open six days a week. Anyone interested in an organized escorted tour of the factory can ring 0665 602771.

HOCKEY

Medlow will captain Welsh women

Margaret Medlow, of Swansea, a former British international, will captain the Welsh women's side in the European Cup to be held in London from September 3 to 13.

The Welsh squad of 16 includes two newcomers: Helen Jones, of Newtown, and Linda Watkins, of Cwmtawe.

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Attorney General v The Observer Ltd and Others
Attorney General v Guardian Newspapers Ltd and Others
Attorney General v Times Newspapers Ltd and Others
Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor
[Judgment July 22]

It was not appropriate to maintain interlocutory injunctions against three national newspapers restraining them from publishing extracts from a book the publication of which was prohibited in this country when the full text had been published abroad and was freely available here.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division discharging existing interlocutory injunctions against *The Guardian* and *The Observer* newspapers made by Mr Justice Millett in July 1986 and upheld by the Court of Appeal (*The Times* July 26, 1987) and refusing to grant an interlocutory injunction against *The Sunday Times*.

Mr Desmond Browne for *The Guardian*; Mr Stephen Nathan for *The Observer*; Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr David Pannick for *The Sunday Times*; Mr John Mummery and Mr Philip Havers for the Attorney General.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the case involved matters of great importance, public interest and legal difficulty and was one on which he would normally deliver a reserved judgment. But speed was vital since both sides were intent on going immediately to the Court of Appeal.

The background facts were well known. That Mr Wright should have published his memoirs under the title *Spycatcher* was a serious breach of the duty of confidence he owed to the Crown as its servant was admitted by all.

There was an appeal pending to the House of Lords on whether *The Guardian* and *The Observer* were in contempt of court in publishing extracts from *Spycatcher*, but that appeal, due to factors beyond anyone's control, could unfortunately not be heard before November.

Spycatcher had been published in full in the United States. It had rapidly moved into the best-seller category and was prominently on display in bookshops particularly at Kennedy Airport where it was selling like hot cakes.

Books purchased in the United States were brought back to this country in large numbers and sold. It was also possible by the use of the telephone and a credit card to order the book from the United States direct.

It was common ground that there had been a radical change of circumstances since July 1986. The newspapers said that the Crown did not even have an arguable case that at a full trial it could obtain an injunction against their publishing extracts when the full text was now freely available.

There was indeed a substantial body of authority which said that once confidential information had got into the public domain remedies by way of injunction were not available. But Mr Mummery said that that was far too simplistic a view and his Lordship agreed with him.

The principles of the law of confidential information had not as yet been clarified in the decided cases.

However, this appeared to be a new case not at all covered by authority since it involved the publication of information, originally confidential, but which had now become public knowledge, by a third party who had played no part in the revelation of the information to the public. The newspapers had played no part in aiding and abetting Mr Wright in the breach of his duty.

Applying *American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd* ([1975] AC 396), given that his Lordship would not hold that the Crown did not have an arguable case, he was thrown back on the balance of convenience. He had to weigh all the circumstances of the case and then exercise his discretion.

He could not shut his eyes to the reality of the case. The law had often been called an ass, a view with which he did not agree. But the court would indeed be an ass if it attempted to make orders which were manifestly incapable of achieving their avowed purpose.

His Lordship had been compared with King Canute. He felt more like the Dutch boy with his finger in the dyke which had already been breached a few hundred yards upstream.

In the contemporary world of Jumbo jets and electronic means of communication news anywhere was news everywhere. The old maxim that equity would not act in vain was good law and therefore, taking all the factors into account, his Lordship preferred the arguments against maintaining interlocutory injunctions against the newspapers.

Solicitors: Lovell White & King; Turner Kenneth Brown; Theodore Goddard; Treasury Solicitor.

Applying to discharge injunction

Norwest Holst Civil Engineering Ltd v Polysius Ltd

On an application for discharge of a *Mareva* injunction (to prevent the dissipation of assets within the jurisdiction) and for an inquiry as to damages it was for the court to which the application was made to decide whether the injunction had been rightly granted, not for the person conducting the inquiry as to damages.

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Parker and Sir George Waller) so held on July 3 in allowing an appeal by Polysius Ltd from the refusal of an order for an inquiry as to damages and for costs following the discharge of a *Mareva* injunction granted in favour of Norwest Holst Civil Engineering Ltd on March 6.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in *Barclays Bank Ltd v Rosenberg* (unreported May 9, 1985) Mr Justice Evans appeared to have contemplated that the court had to consider whether there was a triable issue whether the injunction should have been granted, and if so to refer that question to the person undertaking the inquiry as to damages.

It was for the court to decide whether there should have been an injunction and then to move on to consider whether there should be an inquiry. The decision whether the injunction had been properly granted was for the court, not for the person conducting the inquiry as to damages.

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Contempt warning over Opren campaign

Davies (Joseph Owen) v Eli Lilly & Co and Others (No 2)
Before Mr Justice Hirst
[Judgment July 22]

Advertisements and press releases which had appeared to date in the context of the Opren litigation, while not in contempt of court, might be thought not to be far from the dividing line between legitimate comment and illegitimate pressure, and a warning was given to that effect.

Mr Justice Hirst so stated in the Queen's Bench Division in a judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers in granting an extension of time for accepting payments into court in settlement of claims for damages for personal injuries allegedly caused by side effects of the drug Opren: see ([1987] 1 WLR 428; *The Times* January 24, 1987); (*The Times* May 11, 1987; June 6, 1987).

Mr M. Mildred, solicitor, for the plaintiffs; Mr Michael G. Spencer and Mr Andrew Prynne for the Eli Lilly Group of defendants; Mr Justin Fenwick for the government defendants.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said the application originated in a summons by the Opren plaintiffs for a ruling as to the position on costs of any plaintiff who accepted a payment into court.

Eight payments-in had been made; although the amounts and the identities of the plaintiffs concerned had not, of course, been disclosed to the court.

Pending such a ruling the plaintiffs sought an extension of the normal 21-day time limit for acceptance by the plaintiffs concerned without penalty of costs.

In correspondence prior to the hearing the Lilly defendants informed the plaintiffs that they would not oppose the application in principle, provided the plaintiffs would give an undertaking to the court to desist from the publicity campaign which had recently been mounted.

Pannone Napier, one of the leading solicitors acting for the Opren Action Group, replied: "Any campaign which is being conducted against your client is not being conducted by us or on our advice. It follows that to offer consent to our summons in return for an undertaking which would be impossible to implement is an oblique method of refusing such consent."

The first sentence was questioned by the Lilly defendants, but in default of any evidence to the contrary, his Lordship accepted it for present purposes.

The government defendants indicated that, in any case where a payment-in was accepted, the government would not seek an order for costs against that plaintiff.

There were undoubtedly important questions which required careful consideration and eventual resolution in this context, most particularly in relation to the "generic" costs, that is, the heavy expenses incurred generally in relation to issues in the Opren litigation which were of concern to all, or at least a substantial proportion of plaintiffs.

It was also important for any non-legally aided plaintiff to know precisely where he stood *vis-a-vis* Mr Godfrey Bradman's generous offer to set up a scheme to provide financial assistance to such plaintiffs: those matters would not be established until the hearing at the end of the long vacation when that scheme would come before the court for approval.

Consequently, his Lordship would extend the time for acceptance of payments-in until October 30, 1987, both in the eight cases and in any others where a payment-in was made up to September 28, 1987.

There were, however, two very important aspects which required immediate attention.

The first concerned the general policy of the plaintiffs towards payments-in. Counsel for the government defendants expressed concern that the plaintiffs concerned might be under some kind of pressure to evaluate such offers in the context of their effect on the overall litigation, rather than in the light of their own individual position.

His Lordship was very pleased to receive a categorical assurance from Pannone Napier that plaintiffs who received a payment-in would be advised strictly and solely on the merits of their individual cases.

That was very important, since the formation of a group of plaintiffs for the purposes of this litigation in no way affected each plaintiff's status as an individual litigant, nor diminished his entitlement to have his case evaluated on its own merits.

Second, there was the publicity campaign. On July 1, 1987, there was published in *The Times* a full-page advertisement under the banner headline "An appeal to the conscience of Eli Lilly & Co" over the signatures of Kathleen Grasham (Chairman, Opren Action Committee) and Des Wilson (Chairman, Citizens Action). The names and addresses of the directors of the Lilly Companies both in the UK and the USA were listed.

The previous day the Citizens Action Group had issued a press release of a statement by Mr Wilson.

In the Mid-Western edition of *The Wall Street Journal* in the USA on July 20 a letter appeared signed by Mr Wilson, headed "An appeal to the conscience of Eli Lilly & Company of Indianapolis."

Another full-page advertisement was published in *The Times* on July 21, albeit in rather less scathing terms than its predecessor.

The deep emotions engendered by the Opren cases were readily understandable. Moreover, as was stressed by the Court of Appeal in the present case, it was in the interests of all parties that a proper settlement should be reached.

Further, as was stated by the leading judgment in the House of Lords in *O'Sullivan v Herdmans Ltd* (*The Times* July 10, 1987): "The interests of justice are served by the promotion of settlements rather than by the prolongation of litigation".

Nevertheless, his Lordship felt bound to sound a note of caution. Fifteen years ago a campaign was mounted by *The Sunday Times* against the manufacturers of thalidomide, an article which was held unanimously by the House of Lords to constitute contempt of court: *Attorney-General v Times Newspapers Ltd* ([1974] AC 273).

The legal position, which still prevailed today, was clearly stated in that case where Lord Reid stated (at p300): "There has long been and there still is in this country a strong and generally held feeling that trial by newspaper is wrong and should be prevented . . .".

His Lordship emphasized that there was no question whatsoever of any finding that those responsible for the advertisements and the press releases had been guilty of contempt of court.

No such charge had been made, and in the present early stages of the Opren litigation there would be no contempt unless it was proved that those responsible, in so conducting themselves, intended to impede or prejudice the administration of justice: see *Attorney-General v Newspaper Publishing plc and Others* (*The Times* July 18).

However, the advertisements and the press releases might be thought not to be far from the dividing line between legitimate comment and illegitimate pressure. His Lordship thought it right to give this warning in the hope that due restraint might be exercised in future.

Solicitors: Pannone Napier; Davies, Arnold & Cooper; Treasury Solicitor.

Evidence 20 minutes after motor incident inadmissible

Tobi v Nickolas
Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice McNeill
[Judgment July 1]

Evidence of a constable as to what was said to him by the victim of a collision in the presence of the defendant 20 minutes after the incident was hearsay evidence and not admissible as part of the *res gestae*.

The requirement of section 10(5) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, that a medical practitioner's certificate stating blood alcohol level had to be served on the defendant seven days before the hearing, was mandatory and not subject to waiver.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held allowing an appeal by Mr Sandro Tobi by case stated against his conviction by the Horseferry Road Stipendiary Magistrate on June 27, 1986 of offences under sections 5 and 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted.

Section 10(5) of the 1972 Act, as substituted, provides: "A document purporting to be . . . both such a statement and such a certificate, as mentioned in subsection (3)(a) above is admissible in evidence . . . only if a copy of it either has been handed to the accused when the document was produced or has been served on him not later than seven days before the hearing . . .".

Mr Dermot Wright, who did not appear below, for the applicant: Mr Victor Temple for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said a copy of the doctor's certificate had not been served on the defendant. The prosecution sought to adduce it in evidence on the day of the hearing. Defence counsel objected.

The magistrate then acceded to an adjournment to call the doctor. Defence counsel then agreed to proceed on the basis of the certificate evidence rather than adjourn to call the doctor.

Mr Temple, citing *R v Banks* ([1972] 1 WLR 346) said defence counsel by allowing the admission of the certificate had thus waived compliance with the requirements of section 10(5) of the 1972 Act, as substituted.

In that case, however, counsel for the defence had not objected to the admissibility of the certificate until the end of the prosecution evidence whereas in the present case the objection was immediate. Furthermore the wording of the statute had been altered "admissible in evidence . . . only if" meant what it said. No purported waiver could make it admissible.

Mr Wright submitted that there was no evidence that Mr Tobi was the driver. The officer had given evidence at trial that he spoke to Mr Thomas, the driver of the motor coach.

Together they went to the defendant's house where they saw his red Mercedes with dents and scratches to the nearside front wing parked in the driveway. The defendant opened the front door of the house. Mr Thomas, in relation to the incident some twenty minutes earlier, said: "That is the guy".

In conversation, the defendant denied he was the driver. The constable then arrested him for driving a vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs, and cautioned him. The officer took hold of his arm and was escorting him to the waiting police car when in the presence of Mrs Tobi the defendant said: "I wasn't driving, my wife was. It wasn't me". Mrs Tobi replied: "No I wasn't. Don't make it worse than it is". Mr Tobi did not reply.

Mr Thomas was not called to give evidence and the magistrate refused prosecution requests to adjourn to call him. It was argued by the defence that the officer's evidence was hearsay and therefore inadmissible. The prosecution sought its admission as part of the *res gestae* citing as its most recent authority *R v Anderson* ((1987) Cr App R 382).

The principles relevant to the *res gestae* doctrine stated by Lord Ackner in *Anderson* (at p391) did not apply to what Mr Thomas said to the officer. The event was not immediate. There was a world of difference between the common-place situation of car damage and where someone had been stabbed.

The event was not so unusual or startling or dramatic as to dominate the thoughts of Mr Thomas. Mr Thomas accosted Mr Tobi twenty minutes after the damage to his coach. It could not be said that that event was immediate.

The concept of the admission of *res gestae* statements could not be stretched to admit hearsay evidence where a witness as to fact was available.

Mr Temple sought to rely on another principle making such evidence admissible. If an accusation was made in the presence of the accused person by a person on equal terms with him in circumstances where the accused might be expected to deny or explain, guilt could be inferred from his silence: see *R v Chandler* ([1976] 63 Cr App R 1). The failure to deny his wife's statement was said to be within that principle.

His Lordship said that it could not be inferred from his silence that Mr Tobi was the driver because (i) Mr Tobi had at that stage been cautioned and thus entitled not to say anything; therefore his silence could not be used against him; (ii) Mr Tobi was being taken to the car and there was no clear evidence to suggest he had an opportunity to reply.

MR JUSTICE McNEILL, concurring, said that if it were the practice to seek to establish the facts of a case by the introduction of hearsay evidence when witnesses of fact were available, it was a practice his Lordship would deprecate.

Solicitors: Freeborough Blok Bull & Co; Crown Prosecution Service.

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RACING: MTOTO DRIFTS TO 8-1 AS WEATHER CONTINUES TO CAST A DOUBT OVER HIS DIAMOND STAKES PARTICIPATION

Chesham Squire to open account

By Mandarin

Peter Walwyn, who captured the top prize at Newbury last Saturday with the ultra-game Failiq, spreads his net far and wide today and should enjoy another fruitful day.

After partnering Chesham Squire at Sandown Park, Brent Thomson, Walwyn's stable jockey, journeys west to ride Tecana at Chepstow's evening fixture.

However that consistent pair fare – and I am confident both will belatedly open their accounts – Walwyn is already assured of one first prize through the defection of Mountain Memory's rivals from the Trabroun Graduation Stakes at Hamilton.

Chesham Squire started odds-on for a five-runner York maiden 13 days ago but had no answer to the challenge of Prince Rupert. At first glance, that was a disappointing effort but the winner may turn out to be well above average and the seven-furlong trip was undoubtedly on the short side for my selection.

The Hotfoot colt had previously finished third to Balakirev in a valuable maiden, also at York, over today's distance of a mile. The form of that contest has worked out exceptionally well with Genobra (fourth) landing the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot and Riot Squad (fifth) winning at Pontefract.

Significantly, there was plenty of give in the ground on that occasion and, with similar conditions guaranteed today, Chesham Squire should get off the mark in Sandown's Heath Row Maiden Stakes.

Tecana appeared to have ended her run of placed efforts when poaching a clear lead entering the final furlong at Chester recently but was caught close home by Brave Defender under an inspired ride from Cash Asmussen.

Now Walwyn appears to have found a winning opportunity for his Sexton Blake filly in Chepstow's Creda Electric Maiden Fillies' Stakes where John Dunlop's Hyatti looks the main danger.

For the day's best bet, though, I take **Dimension** to gain his third success of the season for Nadine Smith in the Wellington Apprentice Handicap at Sandown.

Dimension showed he is a suitable ride for an apprentice when winning a similar event at Kempton in early May. Later the same month, the five-year-old won a non-apprentice handicap over today's course and distance with five subsequent winners – Empire Blue, Final Selection, Talk Of Glory, Prince Merandi and Auction Time – among those behind.

Since then Dimension has finished fifth in good handicaps behind Kingsfold Flame at Epsom (8½f) and behind Bath at Kempton (1m), running on well at the finish of both races. Back over his best trip of 10 furlongs today, Dimension has outstanding claims.

At the other afternoon meeting, Catterick Bridge, **Golden Ancona** can gain his fourth successive win and his second in three days in the Wane Garages Handicap.

Clearly a much-improved performer since switching from Eric Eldin to Peter Easterby's stable earlier in the season, Golden Ancona is penalized 9lb here. However, this is the four-year-old's last chance to run off his current mark as he has been raised 17lb in handicaps from tomorrow.

Crofter's Cline, thought good enough to run in the Free Handicap at the start of the season, takes a considerable drop in class for the 'A' One Apprentice Stakes.

Ian Balding's Kingsclere stable, sadly out of form at present, could enjoy a welcome winner at Chepstow with **Angel Light**, who beat three previous winners when chasing home Lusty Lad at Sandown earlier this month and is greatly favoured by the conditions of the Stag's Head Stakes.

Another sound investment at the Gwent course is **Beauchamp Buzz**, who can continue John Dunlop's recent revival in the Sunset Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

Having her first run since early May, Beauchamp Buzz ran exceptionally well to finish fifth to Leyali in a competitive handicap at Newmarket's July meeting and she should now have the measure of the promising Shirley Heights filly, Dayajeer, who would probably be more at home over a longer trip.

Maktoums dominate to the end

From Michael Seely, Lexington, Kentucky

The departure of the Maktoums from Lexington on Tuesday night was as dramatic as had been their impact on the Keeneland July sale. John Leat acted as the conductor as he marshalled his orchestra before sweeping 20 of the top men in the game into black stretch limousines for the seven-mile journey to the airport.

Their domination of the world's most significant yearling auction had been completed. Under their various umbrellas, including Darley Management, Dubai Bloodstock Limited and Shadwell Estates, they purchased 41 individuals for a total of $32,740,000.

Khaled Abdulla, through the agency of George Blackwell, bought seven yearlings for an aggregate of $3,110,000. As expected D Wayne Lukas, the successful trainer, proved to be the top American buyer with his acquisition of 13 yearlings for $7,735,000. He paid the second highest price of the sale, $2.9 million for a son of Seattle Slew.

The sales recovered well from the early disappointments. Over the two days the average of $371,030 per yearling was a nine per cent decrease on 1986 and indeed Tuesday's average, when there was a stronger catalogue, showed a five per cent increase. And, significantly, the median price (halfway between the top and bottom) was $275,000, the same as in 1986.

Summing up the results through a European purchaser's eyes, Guy Harwood, the Sussex trainer, said: "As I expected, it was a good, strong sale. The nice individuals in the $250,000 to $400,000 range, which are what most people are looking for, were very hard to find.

"Unusually, most of those this year tended to be by Northern Dancer and Nijinsky. So this immediately put them in the $750,000 to $1 million bracket. Altogether I bought six colts and a filly. A lot of breeders were whining but that was because they had flooded the catalogue with some unsuitable animals."

Robert Clay, one of the leading consigners in the States and the owner of Three Chimneys Farm, said: "Things went much as I thought. The Maktoums and others held the top end up, but the average was down because there were a lot more horses in the sale. There was a disappointing lack of American support and there was little interest in some promising first season sires.

Peter Walwyn, always a realist, put matters in perspective. "It's no good comparing 1983 with now. That was a one-off era and created through artificial sumulation. It will never happen again. When things settle down, the racing and breeding industries will be as strong as ever."

It has been unreal in the Kentucky heat, watching the comings and goings of the men of power as they gather for conferences with their associates and trainers in the corridors and rooms of the hotel.

Doug, one of the car parking valets, had the last word: "I went down to the sales on my day off. All I can say is that money is a funny thing. And it sure does funny things to people." Lexington's modern-day version of Mark Twain certainly hit the nail on the head.

Dunlop undeterred by going

Moon Madness will run in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Stakes at Ascot on Saturday, the colt's trainer, John Dunlop, said yesterday.

There were fears that last year's St Leger winner would be withdrawn because of the going, which was described as heavy by clerk of the course Nicholas Beaumont. However, Dunlop said: "He runs whatever the ground."

Moon Madness ran in heavy conditions at Royal Ascot when, despite starting 11-8 on, he could finish only third of four in the Hardwicke Stakes, 23 lengths behind the winner, Orban.

The ground is a major worry for connections of the Eclipse winner, Mtoto. With trainer Alec Stewart on his way back from the Keeneland sales, a stable spokesman said: "He's aware that the ground is now being described as heavy but Ascot drains really well and there is better weather forecast, she said.

Mtoto is now being offered at 8-1 by Corals, who report support for Triptych from 7-1 to 11-2. Hills make the French mare 6-1 from 13-2.

Other big-race news yesterday concerned next week's Glorious Goodwood meeting. High class sprinter, Cyrano De Bergerac, who jarred an off-fore cartilage last season, is a likely runner for Thursday's five-furlong King George Stakes.

Golden Wave, an impressive winner at Newbury in June, will represent Dick Hern in the Lanson Champagne Vintage Stakes, also on Thursday. Hern has saddled five previous winners of the Goodwood race, including Derby winner Troy, owned, like Golden Wave, by Sir Michael Sobell.

Undeterred by the fact that two heavily supported market leaders, Sharp Victor and Imperial Frontier, will miss the Schweppes Golden Mile, punters have latched on to a new gamble for Thursday's big handicap at Goodwood. Sharblask, trained by Nick Vigors, has been backed at all rates from 50-1 down to 25-1.

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin

6.45 Angel Light. 7.10 Crystal Moss. 7.35 Grotius. 8.5 Tecana. 8.35 Johns Last. 9.5 Beauchamp Buzz.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.45 Dealers Wheels. 7.35 All Over The World. 8.5 Alrashaka. 8.35 Johns Last. 9.5 DAYAJEER (nap).

By Michael Seely

6.45 Angel Light. 9.5 Beauchamp Buzz.

Going: good to soft Draw: high numbers best

6.45 STAG'S HEAD STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,036: 5f) (6 runners)

1 1412 DEALERS WHEELS 17 (D,S) R Boss 9-8 Pat Eddery 2
2 1220 GREAT CHADDINGTON 37 (D,G,S) J Berry 9-8 J Carroll (5) 1
3 3120 NAAS LAD 34 (V) P Matthews (Ire) 9-8 ..... T Quinn 5
4 3220 PENDALTY 17 (B,D,S) K Brassey 9-8 ..... J Reid 4
9 414 TOMMY DALY 68 (D,G) D Wilson 9-5 ..... T Williams 3
11 102 ANGEL LIGHT 26 (D,G) I Balding 8-11 ..... T Ives 6

5-4 Angel Light, 7-2 Dealers Wheels, 4-1 Naas Lad, 5-1 Great Chaddington, 10-1 Tommy Daly, 14-1 Pendalty.

7.10 CREDA ECONOMY 7 APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,484: 1m 4f) (15)

6 -000 TOSCANA 15 (D,F,S) D Marks 6-9-10 ..... — 5
7 4/30 ARCVILLE FRED 79 (G) J Berry 5-9-7 P Johnson (5) 11
8 -004 RECORD WING 27 (F,G,S) D Haydn-Jones 9-9-7 P John 3
10 002- ASTICOT 297 (G) D Wintle 5-8-1 ..... G Athanasiou (5) 14
11 0042 ISOM DART 12 (F) T Hallett 8-9-1 ..... S Dunne (5) 8
12 0321 CRYSTAL MOSS 20 (D,G) W Brooks 4-9-1 (5ex) J Carter 6
14 040- MAN IN THE MOON 314 D Burchell 4-9-0 ..... P Hill 13
15 0000 MAFTIR 2 (V,F,S) M James 5-9-0 ..... R Lappin (5) 10
17 0000 GRAND CELEBRATION 25 (C,F,S) P Bowden 5-8-13 G Thompson (5) 12
19 20-0 VISTULE 58 D Burchell 5-8-12 ..... D J Williams 9
20 00-0 BOROTOWN 19 D Wintle 3-8-12 ..... J Carr 1
21 -000 FORUM'S FOLLY 48 J Sutcliffe 3-8-12 ..... Dale Gibson 2
23 00-0 FARMERS GAMBLE 41 T Hallett 3-8-10 ..... L Riggio 15
25 0000 SETTER COUNTRY 10 (S) R Hodges 3-8-9 M Hughes (5) 4
26 0/00 SILLY IDEA 8 Miss S Oliver 4-8-2 ..... P Dalton (5) 7

9-4 Crystal Moss, 7-2 Arcville Fred, 9-2 Toscana, 11-2 Record Wing, 6-1 Asticot, 10-1 Forum's Folly, 16-1 others.

7.35 SIR GORDON RICHARDS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,048: 2m) (7)

2 -031 GLORY LINE 19 (F,G) P Cole 9-12 (5ex) ..... T Quinn 2
4 0010 ALL OVER THE WORLD 35 (F) R Boss 9-1 Pat Eddery 1
7 000 CRYSTAL REEF 24 H Candy 8-9 ..... W Newnes 6
8 0434 GROTIUS 23 L Piggott 8-8 ..... T Ives 4
9 0301 AREA CODE 29 (B,D,S) J Berry 8-8 (5ex) J Carroll (5) 3
10 0023 ISLAND KING 23 (D,S) G Balding 8-4 ..... J Williams 7
14 0040 CONNEMARA DAWN 12 (B) R Holder 7-7 ..... S Dawson 5

5-2 Grotius, 100-30 All Over The World, 4-1 Area Code, 11-2 Glory Line, 7-1 Island King, 10-1 others.

8.5 CREDA ELECTRIC MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,546: 1m 2f) (11)

1 3 ALRASHAKA 31 H Thomson Jones 8-11 ..... R Hills 10
3 0- CAFE SOCIETY 258 D Laing 8-11 ..... T Williams 6
4 CORNISH AIR H Candy 8-11 ..... R Curant 3
5 00- CRISP HEART 309 J Wynne 8-11 ..... T Ives 9
6 0- DARK ROSAAN 280 H Candy 8-11 ..... W Newnes 1
9 003 HYATTI 14 J Dunlop 8-11 ..... Pat Eddery 4
10 300- LAENA 327 O O Neill 8-11 ..... J Williams 5
11 0033 LITTLE WHITE LIES 6 G Balding 8-11 ..... R Weaver 8
12 MISS ANTIBES B Hanbury 8-11 ..... W Carson 11
15 00 PATHOS 48 B Hills 8-11 ..... J Reid 7
18 4322 TECANA 13 P Walwyn 8-11 ..... B Thomson 2

5-2 Hyatti, 7-2 Tecana, 9-2 Alrashaka, 8-1 Pathos, 9-1 Cafe Society, 10-1 Dark Rosaan, Little White Lies, 14-1 others.

8.35 CLIFTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,419: 6f) (9)

5 0400 BERTRADE 15 P Makin 9-7 ..... Pat Eddery 1
7 0140 DRAGUSA 33 (D,F) K Brassey 9-6 ..... T Quinn 3
8 0000 YOUNG LOCHINVAR 6 (B) R Hannon 9-4 A McGlone 2
9 2403 HOLTS WAY 5 D Haydn-Jones 9-4 ..... P John (5) 8
13 000- STARCH BROOK 315 M Eckley 9-0 ..... J Reid 5
17 0403 JOHNS LAST 8 (V) D Thom 8-10 ..... T Williams 7
18 0000 MOTOR BROKER 82 W Brooks 8-7 ..... J Carter (5) 4
19 -000 MY PROMISED LAND 77 R Dickin 8-3 ..... J Williams 9
20 0003 MAUREEN'S CAVALIER 10 P Burgoyne 7-7 ..... R Fox 6

3-1 Johns Last, 7-2 Holts Way, 9-2 Bertrade, 11-2 Young Lochinvar, 7-1 Dragusa, 8-1 Starch Brook, 12-1 others.

9.5 SUNSET MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,431: 7f) (15)

1 42 ALBYN LADY 16 H Cecil 8-11 ..... Paul Eddery 3
2 004- APPROACHING STAR 287 R Sheather 8-11 NON-RUNNER 6
3 0-03 AS SHARP 9 C Brittain 8-11 ..... M Roberts 4
5 0-00 BEAUCHAMP BUZZ 14 J Dunlop 8-11 ..... W Carson 11
8 2 DAYAJEER 23 H Thomson Jones 8-11 ..... R Hills 14
10 00 FAIR MINSTREL 89 R Dickin 8-11 ..... J Williams 8
11 FLASHNAT C Horgan 8-11 ..... I Salmon 1
214 0-00 HUNT BALL 28 I Balding 8-11 ..... T Ives 2
15 0300 INDIAN FLARE 16 M Francis 8-11 ..... J Reid 13
16 -030 KOPJES 30 (V) D Laing 8-11 ..... S Whitworth 7
17 LAPPET D Haydn-Jones 8-11 ..... P John (5) 5
19 0- RAG QUEEN 262 B Hills 8-11 ..... M Kettle 15
20 0-40 RANKSTREET 51 (BF) S Christian 8-11 .. W Newnes 10
22 0304 SURELY GREAT 8 (V) D Thom 8-11 ..... T Williams 12
24 UPHOLDER M Usher 8-11 ..... A McGlone 9

9-4 Albyn Lady, 11-4 Beauchamp Buzz, Dayajeer, 6-1 As Sharp, 12-1 Hunt Ball, 16-1 Surely Great, 20-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 9 winners from runners 13, 69.2%; H Thomson Jones, 13 from 48, 27.1%; J Dunlop, 10 from 46, 21.7%; P Cole, 12 from 60, 20.0%; I Balding, 8 from 41, 19.5%; P Walwyn, 11 from 65, 16.9%.

JOCKEYS: T Ives, 5 winners from 19 rides, 26.3%; R Cochrane, 9 from 47, 19.2%; T Quinn, 10 from 57, 17.5%; Pat Eddery, 9 from 54, 16.7%; Paul Eddery, 8 from 52, 15.4%. (Only qualifiers).

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Musical Charm.	2.15 Jungle Jezebel.
2.45 Love Train.	2.45 Bold Crusader.
3.15 Moredreams.	3.15 Brokelsby Anne.
3.50 Northern Alliance.	3.50 Alactraz.
4.20 Chesham Squire.	4.20 Cashmere N Caviar.
4.55 DIMENSION (nap).	4.55 Andartis.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 BLUES INDIGO.

Going: soft Draw: 5f, high numbers best in sprints

2.15 EBF RAYNES PARK TWO-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (£3,252: 7f) (11 runners)

101 (7) CATACLYSMIC (W Gredley) B Hills 8-11 ..... J Reid —
102 (5) COMPTON LADY (Mrs S Buchanan) G Harwood 8-11 ..... G Starkey —
106 (10) ELEVATE (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-11 ..... W Carson —
107 (2) 4 INVERAVEN 31 (Sir D Wills) W Jarvis 8-11 ..... B Raymond 84
108 (1) JIVING IVE (G Chequer) D Wilson 8-11 ..... B Rouse —
109 (6) JUNGLE JEZEBEL (S Niarchos) H Cecil 8-11 ..... S Cauthen —
110 (6) 2 MUSICAL CHARM 20 (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11 ..... Pat Eddery ● 99
113 (11) 0 PORTVASCO 15 (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 8-11 ..... B Thomson —
116 (3) 0 RESTLESS WAVE 20 (Mrs D Abbott) J Dunlop 8-11 ..... NON-RUNNER —
118 (9) 0 TATRA 20 (Lady Clague) L Piggott 8-11 ..... T Ives —
119 (4) 0 TRELEVEN 41 (G Williams) L Cottrell 8-11 ..... N Carlisle —

BETTING: 11-4 Musical Charm, 3-1 Elevate, Jungle Jezebel, 5-1 Compton Lady, 7-1 Cataclysmic, 8-1 Inveraven, 10-1 Portvasco, 14-1 Tatra, 16-1 others.

1986: BINT PASHA 8-11 T Quinn (7-4) P Cole 9 ran

FORM MUSICAL CHARM, out of a champion sprint filly in the United States by The Minstrel, showed plenty of ability when (8-11), despite signs of inexperience, ¾l 2nd to Huldine (8-11) with RESTLESS WAVE (8-11) well back in 7th and TATRA (8-11) 9th, here (7f, mdn, £4091, good to firm, Jly 3, 12 ran).

PORTVASCO can improve on (8-11) a 12½l 6th to Bluebook (8-11) at Newmarket (6f, Mdn, £4563, good to firm, 16 ran).

INVERAVEN (8-11) a fair 5½l 4th to Daddy's Dilemma (8-11) in a Brighton maiden (6f, £2198, good, Jun 22, 7 ran) on debut.

ELEVATE (foaled May 23) is a half-sister to the Oaks winner Sun Princess by middle-distance horse Ela-Mana-Mou. Well regarded.

JUNGLE JEZEBEL (foaled: Feb 18, cost: Ir106,000gns) by Thatching, whose progeny often show ability as juveniles, out of a daughter of an Irish 1,000 Guineas winner. Stable in impeccable form.

Selection: MUSICAL CHARM

2.45 NORMAN HILL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,355: 1m) (11 runners)

204 (11) 422-220 BOLD CRUSADER 12 (R Clifford-Turner) M Stoute 9-7 ..... W R Swinburn 93
205 (5) 1-01000 SUPREME STATE 12 (G) (T Wellard) P Makin 9-7 ..... J Reid 97
205 (2) 100033 OLORE MALLE 19 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs J Ragtar) R Hannon 9-6 ..... S Cauthen 95
207 (1) 0-03010 LOVE TRAIN 28 (D,BF,G) (M Oberstein) D Laing 9-6 ..... S Whitworth 96
211 (9) 01-062 TILTING COURT 12 (S) (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 9-4 ..... A Clark 96
212 (6) 024 YUVRAJ 56 (J Swift) G Lewis 9-4 ..... Pat Eddery 95
213 (3) 3-400 DRAW LOTS 20 (F Salman) P Cole 9-3 ..... T Quinn 85
214 (7) 0030 EURODOLLAR 6 (K Khan) L Holt 9-2 ..... P Waldron 93
215 (8) 4-22003 KINGS VICTORY 13 (D Hasmetall) M Usher 8-13 ..... W Carson 95
216 (10) 040-003 RUN BY 28 (H Spack) G Balding 8-13 ..... J Williams ● 99
218 (4) 002003 LYRICAL LOVER 20 (R Miquel) R Holder 8-6 ..... D McKay 94

BETTING: 7-2 Yuvraj, 9-2 Bold Crusader, 5-1 Run By, 6-1 Tilting Court, 7-1 Love Train, 8-1 Draw Lots, Olore Malle, 12-1 Kings Victory, 14-1 others.

1986: REALITY 9-4 S Cauthen (5-2 fav) R Johnson Houghton 5 ran

FORM BOLD CRUSADER was a creditable 5th to Any Business in a Lingfield handicap last time; earlier (9-0) a neck 2nd to Oh Danny Boy (9-0) in Carlisle maiden (1m, £958, good to soft, Jun 13, 14 ran).

TILTING COURT (9-2) had SUPREME STATE (9-5) 5½l 7th when a length 2nd to Mahrajan (8-3) at Salisbury (1m, £2986, good to firm, Jly 11, 9 ran).

OLORE MALLE never dangerous over 1m 2f latest start; previously (9-7) 3l 3rd to The Lionheart (8-12) at Bath (1m 8yd, £3263, good, 23 Jun, 10 ran).

LOVE TRAIN, favourite when a disappointing 5th to Picturgraph in one-mile Salisbury handicap last month, previously (8-5), also at Salisbury, beat Lord Westgate (8-7) 1½l with KINGS VICTORY (8-5) 5½l 7th and LYRICAL LOVER (8-1) 8th (£3647, good, Jun 2, 15 ran).

LYRICAL LOVER (7-10) was 9l 3rd to My Buddy (8-3) over this course and distance (£8857, good to firm, Jly 3, 16 ran) with DRAW LOTS (8-6) 2¼l 6th.

RUN BY (8-4) reproduced juvenile form for the first time this season when just over 3l 3rd to In Fat City (7-8) at Salisbury (7f, £2914, good, Jun 25, 18 ran).

Selection: RUN BY

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	18	72	25.0
M Stoute	39	162	24.1
W Hern	20	85	23.5
G Harwood	32	153	20.9
R Williams	9	46	19.6
I Balding	13	73	17.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
Pat Eddery	54	261	20.7
T Quinn	20	99	20.2
W Carson	48	252	19.1
W R Swinburn	30	189	15.9
G Starkey	31	203	15.3
S Cauthen	33	223	14.8

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused) Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.15 MILCARS STAR STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £5,062: 5f) (4 runners)

301 (2) 023211 VERY SPECIAL LADY 12 (D,F) (K Deverell) A Ingham 9-2 ..... D J Williams 85
302 (3) 12 BLUES INDIGO 12 (D,S) (Mrs R Watson) W Wharton 8-9 ..... R Curant ● 99
303 (1) BROKELSBY ANNE (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-9 ..... S Cauthen —
304 (4) 0 MOREDREAMS 7 (L Ward) C Brittain 8-9 ..... Pat Eddery 80

BETTING: 6-4 Blues Indigo, 2-1 Moredreams, 3-1 Very Special Lady, 7-1 Brokelsby Anne.

1986: BORN TO RACE 8-11 R Cochrane (4-1) L Piggott 4 ran

FORM VERY SPECIAL LADY (7-9) beat BLUES INDIGO (8-3) a neck (5f, £3941, good to firm, Jly 11, 10 ran) in first nursery of the season at York.

BLUES INDIGO made successful debut on easy ground at Thirsk (8-9), making most to beat Blue Bell Lady (8-9) ¾l (5f, mdn, £1450, good to soft, Jun 16, 13 ran).

BROKELSBY ANNE (foaled Feb 17; cost 15,000gns) is a sister to three-year-old stable-companion Sensational Lady, who finished last of nine on her only start at two.

MOREDREAMS (8-11) a running-on 6l 5th to Glowing Report (8-11) on debut in a Kempton maiden (6f, £3190, good to firm, Jly 16, 11 ran).

Selection: BLUES INDIGO

3.50 SACCONE & SPEED HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,791: 1m 6f) (5 runners)

403 (2) 0-04303 GENNARO 7 (B) (F Northcott) G Harwood 9-7 ..... G Starkey 94
404 (5) 42-0042 FOURTH LAD 20 (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 9-5 ..... W Carson 97
405 (1) 0-1001 NORTHERN ALLIANCE 7 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Judd) G Lewis 9-5 (6ex) ..... Pat Eddery 86
407 (4) 2-00303 ALCATRAZ 7 (B) (T Ramsden) M Ryan 9-2 ..... P Robinson ● 99
409 (3) 04-003 TROJAN LEGEND 24 (Mrs J Van Geest) R Williams 9-0 ..... R Cochrane 98

BETTING: 5-2 Northern Alliance, 3-1 Trojan Legend, 7-2 Gennaro, 4-1 Alcatraz, 5-1 Fourth Lad.

1986: OSTENSIBLE 9-10 Pat Eddery (5-4 fav) G Harwood 5 ran

FORM FOURTH LAD ran well (8-9) when 7l 2nd to Queen's Lake (8-9) here (1m 6f, claimer, £3085, good to firm, Jly 3, 7 ran) last time.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE returned to best when (8-1) beating Queen's Lake (9-0) 5l with GENNARO (8-9) 2½l 3rd at Kempton (1m 6f, £2658, good to firm, Jly 16, 6 ran).

ALCATRAZ was unlucky when hampered and (9-7) ½l 3rd to Running Money (8-8) in a Hamilton handicap (1m 4f, £1304, good, Jly 16, 6 ran).

TROJAN LEGEND has a good chance at these weights, notably on a (8-3) 4l 3rd to Isleback (9-7) in a Windsor handicap (1m 3f 150yd, £2725, good, Jun 29, 6 ran).

Selection: TROJAN LEGEND

4.20 HEATH ROW MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,295: 1m) (11 runners)

501 (5) 02-0432 CHESHAM SQUIRE 13 (B,BF) (Y Nasib) P Walwyn 9-0 ..... B Thomson ● 99
502 (7) 004-00 FOURTH PROTOCOL 78 (R Richards) L Cottrell 9-0 ..... N Carlisle 83
503 (1) 0-20 INSTINCTIVE 40 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0 ..... S Cauthen 90
507 (4) SHIMONI (R Stuart) L Cottrell 9-0 ..... A Clark —
509 (6) 3- CASHMERE N CAVIAR 349 (H Boone) R Williams 8-11 ..... R Cochrane 86
510 (11) 000-04 COLDWATER CANYON 17 (V) (C Wright) D Laing 8-11 ..... S Whitworth 87
512 (10) DON'T LOITER (J Mountain) L Cottrell 8-11 ..... T Lang (7) —
513 (2) 00 FOREST BIRD 8 (Mrs A Lloyd) J Winter 8-11 ..... W R Swinburn —
514 (3) 4-0 GALA NIGHT 58 (R Holmes a Court) I Balding 8-11 ..... Pat Eddery 83
515 (9) 0-0 MISS STYLE 101 (Mrs A Nash) A Long 8-11 ..... —
516 (8) STOCKLINE (Mrs M Fairbairn) L Cottrell 8-11 ..... N Adams —

BETTING: 9-4 Chesham Square, 3-1 Insanctive, 5-1 Cashmere N Caviar, 11-2 Gala Night, 8-1 Coldwater Canyon, 12-1 others.

1986: EXCLUSIVE NORTH 9-0 S Cauthen (Evens fav) R Armstrong 4 ran

FORM CHESHAM SQUIRE an odds-on favourite when runner-up to Prince Rupert at York (7f, previously over a mile, also at York, (9-0) 4½l 3rd to Balakirev (9-0) with INSTINCTIVE (9-0) last of eight (£8057, good to soft, Jun 13).

INSTINCTIVE, 11 days earlier on reappearance, (8-5) ran a neck 2nd to Maksoud (8-5) on firm ground at Beverley (1m 100yd, £1215, 19 ran).

CASHMERE N CAVIAR on only start at two (8-11) finished well to be 1½l 3rd to Genghiz (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £3778, good to firm, Aug 8, 10 ran).

GALA NIGHT ran well before weakening a furlong out on reappearance over 1m 2f here in May in the good maiden won by Tertiary Zone from Imperial Brush; on only outing last season (8-8), 5l 4th to Troyan Miss (8-8) at Kempton (7f, £2560, good to firm, Sep 6, 11 ran).

Selection: CASHMERE N CAVIAR

4.55 WELLINGTON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,448: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

602 (1) 0-00203 ANDARTIS 23 (G) (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 4-9-10 ..... R Teague (3) 93
604 (5) 20-4430 SOHAIL 10 (F) (Mrs Grams) C Holmes 4-9-2 ..... S Mascock (3) 95
605 (2) 301331 BRONZE RUNNER 9 (D,F) (A Stroud & Co Ltd) E Wheeler 3-8-9 (4ex) M Gallagher ● 99
606 (6) 00320/0 BETTYKNOWES 19 (D,F,S) (J Boone) R Akehurst 9-8-6 ..... S Michael (5) —
608 (3) 031100 DIMENSION 29 (B,CD,F,G) (M Ingram) Mrs N Smith 5-8-1 ..... G Foster 97
610 (4) 00-0200 RIBOKEYES BOY 31 (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 5-7-7 ..... A Riding 90

BETTING: 9-4 Bronze Runner, 11-4 Dimension, 7-2 Andartis, 9-2 Sohail, 6-1 Bettyknowes, 14-1 Ribokeyes Boy.

1986: CAPTAIN'S NIECE 3-8-5 Dale Gibson (2-1 fav) W Hastings-Bass 12 ran

FORM ANDARTIS seems best on a sound surface; (9-5) ran creditably latest start when 4l 3rd to Swimmer (9-5) at Yarmouth (1m 2f, £3319, good, Jun 30, 10 ran).

SOHAIL disappointed last time but has otherwise been consistent this term; well treated on (8-13) a 1½l 3rd to Woodpecker (8-11) at Windsor (1m 3f, £4048, good to firm, Jly 6, 8 ran).

BRONZE RUNNER, an improving three-year-old, carries a 4lb penalty for (11-9) a 2½l defeat of Tarleton's Oak (12-0) at Folkestone (1m 2f, £1231, firm, Jly 14, 15 ran).

DIMENSION, staying on over a mile on two most recent outings, ran best race (8-5) when beating Spring Flight (9-9) a length here (1m 2f, £3160, good, May 25, 13 ran).

RIBOKEYES BOY's only worthwhile form came in a seller when (8-13) 2l 2nd to Par Zinnia (8-1) at Windsor (1m 2f, £981, good, May 11, 25 ran).

Selection: SOHAIL

3.0 TUNSTALL STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,373: 6f) (6 runners)

2 (5) 2112 CUMBRIAN WALTZER 55 (BF,F,G) (Cumbrian Ind Ltd) M H Easterby 9-7 M Birch 96
3 (3) 11 WAKITAI 24 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-7 ..... W Ryan ● 99
5 (6) 300301 WINDATUM 5 (V,D,G) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 9-4 ..... A Culhane (5) 85
6 (4) 0 CARD PARTY 15 (Mrs H Johnson) J Johnson 8-11 ..... J Bleasdale —
8 (2) 000 SHONK 29 (BF) (S Eddshaw) G Moore 8-11 ..... J Lowe —
9 (1) 002132 SNAKE EYE 17 (CD,G) (Mrs A Ferguson) W Wharton 8-11 ..... J Carter (5) 96

BETTING: 1-2 Wakitai, 7-2 Snake Eye, 5-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, 12-1 Windatum, 20-1 others.

1986: MILEAGE BANK 9-4 G Duffield (11-10) P Cole 3 ran

3.35 WANE GARAGES HANDICAP £1,504: 7f) (8 runners)

2 (3) 320103 GODS SOLUTION 14 (CD,F,G,S) (P Jones) T Barron 6-9-13 ..... D Nicholls 92
4 (1) 030111 GOLDEN ANACONA (D Gorton) M H Easterby 4-8-8 (5ex) ..... M Birch ● 99
5 (4) 010400 EDGEWISE 30 (D,F,S) (A Anastasiou) C Allen 4-8-13 ..... M Hills 98
7 (2) 024001 TIT WILLOW 17 (B,D,F) (I Bell) T Craig 5-8-8 (5ex) ..... A Mackay 94
8 (8) 000032 DANCING TOM 5 (S) (T Fairhurst) T Fairhurst 4-8-6 ..... K Hodgson 91
10 (5) 003033 BAY BAZAAR 8 (S) (E Richmond) R Whitaker 5-8-1 ..... — 94
13 (6) 10-0000 DALLAS SMITH 13 (D,F,G) (P Manners) M Chapman 6-7-9 ..... G Hind (7) 87
14 (7) 43-0009 TAJ SINGH 8 (G) (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 5-7-7 ..... L Charnock 90

BETTING: 5-2 Golden Ancona 3 (G,S), 100-30 Tit Willow, 4-1 Dancing Tom, 5-1 Gods Solution, 10-1 Edgewise, 16-1 others.

1986: THE MAZALL 6-9-10 D Nicholls (11-2) Miss L Siddall 14 ran

4.5 GROVE GRADUATION STAKES (£684: 1m 4f 40yd) (4 runners)

2 (4) 0-01 BRAVE DEFENDER 13 (G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-11 ..... M Hills 96
3 (3) 3-03213 PAGITEK 5 (G) (F Knight) S Norton 3-8-11 ..... M Wood 80
4 (1) 12 DAFNIAH 31 (BF,F) (Prince A A Faisal) H Cecil 3-8-8 ..... W Ryan ● 99
6 (2) 000-000 SOARING EAGLES 8 (Mrs E Dawes) T Kersey 3-8-4 ..... J Lowe —

BETTING: 10-11 Dafniah, Evens Brave Defender, 12-1 Pagitek, 25-1 Soaring Eagles.

1986: MYTH 3-8-8 R Hills (1-4 fav) R Johnson Houghton 2 ran

4.35 A-ONE APPRENTICE STAKES (£889: 7f) (8 runners)

1 (1) 0-311 BALTHUS 47 (F,S) (E Bennett) J Glover 4-9-7 ..... S D Williams (5) 90
3 (2) 10/ GLEBE PLACE 722 (F) (R Patrick) J Pearce 4-9-7 ..... J Leech —
4 (3) 030001 O I OYSTON 13 (CD,F,G,S) (J Berry) J Berry 11-9-7 ..... D Hagger (3) 83
5 (4) 000-301 SO CAREFUL 15 (CD,F) (T Doherty) J Berry 4-9-7 ..... A Bacon (3) 82
8 (5) 1-00403 AFRICAN SPIRIT 13 (F,S) (B Haggas) M Prescott 3-8-11 ..... B Lane (3) 90
9 (7) 40-0030 BEN LEDI 13 (D,F,G) (A McCluskey) M H Easterby 3-8-11 ..... Wendy Carter 91
10 (6) 010-400 CROFTER'S CLINE 70 (F,G) (D Barraford) J Wilson 3-8-11 ..... Julie Bowker ● 99
15 (8) 1-02023 MALIBU TOAST 9 (BF,F) (Fritocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-8 ..... C Rutter (3) 98

BETTING: 9-4 Malibu Toast, 11-4 Ben Ledi, 7-2 Crofter's Cline, 6-1 Balthus, 8-1 African Spirit, 10-1 So Careful, 16-1 others.

1986: HARAABAH 8-8 A Riding (7-1) H Thomson Jones 9

GOLF

Palmer and Player find a new lease of life with seniors

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Arnold Palmer and Gary Player launch determined challenges for the inaugural Seniors' British Open at Turnberry today with the intention of engraving their names in the record books once more.

Both these legends of golf are seeking to complete an unprecedented 'grand slam' as seniors. Palmer won the Senior PGA in 1980, the USGA Open in 1981 and the Tournament Players Championship – his last win – in 1985. In the last six weeks Player has added the TPC and USGA Open to the PGA title he won in 1986.

"A seniors' grand slam would give me as big a thrill as winning all my nine major titles during my career", Player said. Altogether, five former Open champions have been specially invited. The others are Bob Charles, Kel Nagle and Peter Thomson. There is no question of appearance money although all have had their expenses paid.

It is the first step by the International Management Group and the PGA European Tour, partners in this venture, to create a winning formula leading to the establishment of a seniors' Tour on this side of the Atlantic.

Peter German, the tournament director, said: "We want this to be the flagship. We are staging a show this week on which we are going to be judged by the public and the media. I'm convinced that for next year we will have a title sponsor and television coverage."

I understand that the tournament is being staged at a cost of £300,000 with half of that sum being the prize fund. The only company to have provided financial support is Rolex although Pan Am and Volvo are assisting the production. Turnberry have entered into a three-year agreement to provide the venue and the course facility fee – usually in the region of £30,000 – has been waived for this week.

The seniors' Tour has proved a resounding success in the United States. There are now 42 events with the overall prize fund of £7 million being equivalent to that for which the likes of Severiano Ballesteros and Nick Faldo are teeing up to play for on the regular European tour.

"To us, and to many people, it is now more important than the regular tour." Player said. "We have big crowds. We are winning more money than we ever did as top tournament players and it's the fastest growing circuit in the world.

"There is a great camaraderie between the professionals and the amateurs, which is missing from the regular tour. We play with the amateurs in two-day Pro-ams. We attend the receptions with them. We lunch and dine with them. We give them lessons.

"There is no reason why it should not happen over here. I'm convinced that the British golf fans will give the tournament their support and that, in time, it could become the biggest seniors' Open in the world".

Palmer explained: "There would have been a void in my life if the seniors' Tour had not been invented. And a lot of players were virtually through with no where to go before the Tour began. Now they find themselves playing for more money than they ever did. It has also filled a void in other golfing areas. It has taken the game to places in America where the regular tour does not go."

Palmer is in the middle of a sequence of seven successive tournaments. "It's the most I've played in a long time", he said. "I've not been giving my golf game a chance to get good these last couple of years." Player, the evergreen South African, is currently fourth on the US Tour money list with $191,000 (about £115,000) and that does not include two unofficial prizes totalling $150,000. "Gary has probably made around $500,000 already this year," said his countryman, Harold Henning. "They are throwing money at us."

Other familiar names competing this week for a £25,000 first prize are Peter Butler, Neil Coles, Brian Huggett and Christy O'Connor. However, Lu Liang Huan, better known as Mr Lu, regrettably had to withdraw because of a mix-up with his visa.



Taking a bow: (from the left) Chuter, Crouch, Smith and Saunders with their awards yesterday. (Photograph: Neil Duncan)

Coaches of the Year take awards

By John Goodbody

The importance of motivation and communication in producing pre-eminent competitors was stressed yesterday as four people were given awards as Coaches of the Year by the British Association of National Coaches.

Vivien Saunders (golf), Mike Smith (athletics), Heather Crouch (netball) and Penny Chuter (rowing) received their prizes, sponsored by Dextrosol, from Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, and David Hemery, the 1968 Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion.

Both Moynihan, himself an Olympic silver medal winner in rowing, and Hemery emphasized that although technical knowledge was important, it was the ability to inspire competitors that ultimately made the difference between winning and losing.

Mr Moynihan talked of the roles of the coach and the cox, whom he termed "the coach on the water", and the need for them to motivate crews. "In an Olympic final, eight crews will often be about the same technical standard. The big difference between winners and losers is the mental attitude," he said.

The Minister praised Miss Chuter, who had coached him at the 1980 Olympics, for "bringing into rowing a professional approach" and spoke of her combining technical standards with a very ruthless, objective standard of competitors' abilities.

Mr Moynihan also said that it was important that governing bodies in all sports should use coaches' expertise and experience in administration. "Too few coaches are on the governing bodies," he said.

Mike Smith, who has trained some of Britain's leading 400 metre runners including Donna Hartley, Roger Black, Todd Bennett and Kriss Akabusi, agreed with Mr Moynihan's remarks.

He told *The Times*, "While one does need technical knowledge, one needs to be able to motivate individuals. Although there are people who are better than me technically, I think I view the athletes I coach as friends.

"I have been lucky in that they have all wanted to do well but one does need to vary one's approach from competitor to competitor. At the moment Roger needs holding back where Todd needs support and encouragement."

FOOTBALL

Beardsley and Barnes make their debuts for Liverpool

From Ian Ross, Munich

In the magnificent surroundings of Munich's Olympic Stadium, Liverpool will tonight begin to discover whether there is indeed life after Ian Rush.

With the young Welshman now a Juventus player, British football's most successful club side must undertake a period of reassessment and modification – a process which has almost certainly been made a good deal less painful than was initially feared as a direct result of manager Kenny Dalglish's willingness to play the transfer market whatever the cost.

Dalglish will take the wraps off his new attacking strategy in a much anticipated encounter with Bayern Munich, a match which will serve as a fitting testimonial for Dieter Höness, the West German champions' long-serving, and often long-suffering, forward.

While Dalglish, who has spent close on £4 million in a little over six months, remains typically coy about the manner in which he intends to wrest the League crown from Everton next season, there is no doubt his new format will revolve around the club's two recent costly acquisitions, the England internationals, Peter Beardsley and John Barnes.

"The most important thing about being at a club like Liverpool is that success is, while not absolutely guaranteed, very likely," Barnes said. "It almost goes without saying that at the end of the season Liverpool will still be involved in the major Cup competitions and also pushing for the title.

"While I enjoyed my time at Watford – it's a great club – they are never going to be a really big club simply because they have had to climb from the fourth to the first division. They could win the championship 10 years in a row and still not find themselves ranked alongside the likes of Liverpool and Manchester United.

Beardsley, whose British transfer record fee of £1.9 million undoubtedly guarantees him a regular place, admitted he has still to discover the exact nature of the role he will be asked to fulfil during the months ahead.

"I have not been given any details of exactly where I will be playing; I will just be happy to do whatever the manager asks. It is a great relief that all the transfer talk is now over and I can finally get down to doing what I came here for," he said.

Dalglish, who is still facing up to the long-term loss of Jan Molby, the Danish international who fractured a foot during a training session on Tuesday, said: "Perhaps this game has come a little too early for us but it is a good one to start with."

Scunthorpe sell up for £2m

Scunthorpe United have agreed to sell their Old Show Ground for more than £2 million. The deal includes an agreement to build a stadium on the outskirts of town which will still leave the club with funds to spare after meeting all existing liabilities.

Their balance sheet shows liabilities of £400,000 and assets of £182,000. Graham Pearson, the chairman, said that although his fourth division club were in an unhealthy financial position, they were working hard to return to the black. Planning permission for the new stadium is anticipated next month.

● Gary Williams, the Aston Villa defender, has been offered a £150,000 move to Southampton, but yesterday also had talks with Leeds United.

Another Villa player who may be on the move is Mark Walters. The winger is wanted by Dave Bassett, the Watford manager, who has also given David Mitchell, the Australian World Cup forward, a chance to impress on the club's tour to Sweden this week. Bassett may then negotiate a £150,000 fee with Eintracht Frankfurt, the West German club.

● Bournemouth have signed David Armstrong, Southampton's former England midfield player, on a free transfer after agreeing personal terms.

● Huddersfield Town have been told to pay Manchester City £36,000 for Andy May by a Football League tribunal. City wanted £60,000 and Huddersfield offered £25,000.

● Paul Miller, the Charlton Athletic defender cautioned in the play-off games against Leeds United in May, cannot play again until the end of August.

Woosnam needs a teacher

Ian Woosnam, whose skill has brought him £175,000 this year, wants someone to teach him how to putt. "I need someone to put some method into my putting," said Woosnam as he prepared for today's start to the KLM Dutch Open tournament in Hilversum.

"I'm not consistent. I've brought five putters with me – but I know it's not the putter, it's me." Europe's leading player, still disappointed at his showing in the Open Championship, said: "I three putted six times at Muirfield and missed a 15-inch birdie in the first round. If I'd just two putted them and not missed that little one, I would've won the Open by a couple of shots from Nick Faldo instead of finishing eighth."

Woosnam, determined to win his fourth European tour title, can expect a strong challenge for the £30,000 first prize here, despite the absence of Faldo, taking it easy after his Muirfield triumph.

Among Woosnam's main rivals are Rodger Davis, joint second last week, and Severiano Ballesteros, the defending champion, smarting from his poor showing at Muirfield. The Spaniard refused to be sidetracked by a thunderstorm and lightning that forced the organizers to reduce the Pro-am to 14 holes. He still practiced holes 15 to 18 on his own.

Ballesteros is joined this week by his fellow Spaniards, José Rivero, eighth on the money list, José-Maria Olazábal, fourteenth, and Manuel Piñero, who is still hoping to win a place in the Ryder Cup team to meet the United States at Muirfield Village, Ohio in September.

Few loopholes in Geddes' defence

From Patricia Davies, New Jersey

Just over a year ago, Jane Geddes, in her third year as a professional, won her first tournament. Nothing too special about that you might think. Even the fact that it was the US Women's Open Championship was not all that special – 10other players had registered their first victory at the US Open and not all of them won again.

Miss Geddes, however, starts the defence of her title at Plainfield Country Club, New Jersey, today having won no fewer than six times since her initial breakthrough. First in the week immediately after the US Open – to prove to her own satisfaction that it was no fluke – then five times this season to convince everyone else that she is special. No one doubts that she is capable of winning again this week, emulating Hollis Stacy, the last person to defend the title successfully, in 1978.

"Don't wake up," was Miss Stacy's comment when Miss Geddes confessed to her earlier this year that she could not believe what was happening. But Miss Geddes, a New Yorker aged 27, now attached to Mission Hills in California, is, she says, "getting more comfortable with my success. I'm coping better with all the demands on my time and I believe I'm one of the most confident players on tour. I like being No. 1."

She claimed that spot from Betsy King on Sunday when she won the Boston Five Classic for the second successive year. It took her season's earnings to nearly $350,000 (about £214,000) and completed the first part of what would be a unique double defence, for Boston was where she followed up her US Open win last year. She came from behind to win this year and that is becoming something of a Geddes speciality. She recognizes it and says with relish, "the others don't like to see me sitting there three shots back. Teeing up in the last round, I always play the most aggressive game I can. There's no holding back on Sundays."

Miss Geddes, a perky, blue-eyed blonde who wears a sapphire and diamond ring on her wedding finger "because it goes with my watch", has at least doubled her money each year she has been on tour and is likely to do so again, even though she collected over $220,000 in 1986. She feels she can improve even more and she is, in fact, a relative novice, having only started playing 10 years ago at the age of 17 when her parents moved from New York to South Carolina.

"It was a country club type area and I really kind of took it up because it was there, out of nothing to do. I enjoyed it and played in college before playing the mini tour. I played tennis for a few years but it was a little too competitive for me. Everybody that was about 14 or 15 was already playing in Wimbledon and here I was still a little local amateur so . . .". She swapped the Flushing Meadows of this world for the Plainfields with no regrets.

This week Miss Geddes's fiercest challengers are likely to be Miss King, who is hoping to be fully recovered from a sprained ankle and Ayako Okamoto, of Japan, the players hard on her heels at second and third on the money list.

SHOOTING

Crawshaw adds to his margin at Bisley

By Our Shooting Correspondent

Lieutenant Nick Crawshaw, of the Royal Anglian Regiment, was still leading the Grand Aggregate at the Bisley Rifle meeting yesterday with 416 points to count out of a possible 425 in the overall championship so far.

After putting all 15 shots into the centre in the previous day's first stage of the St George's Challenge Vase competition he had increased his lead to three points in front of his four closest rivals. They include last year's winner, Andrew Tucker, chairman of the Twickenham Rifle Club, and Charles Cunningham, of the Oxford and Cambridge Rifle Association.

There are now just two more events to complete the aggregate, those of yesterday's first stage of the Queen's prize, in which 1,300 competitors were cut down to 300, and the Prince of Wales prize today.

The competition at the top is always very intense. One bad shoot towards the end of the series can be decisive. On yesterday's leader board only five points – the score of one bull's-eye – separated the top 10. Behind Crawshaw, there were four scores of 413, one at 412 and four scoring 411.

The youngest of the hopefuls Glyn Barnett, aged 16, of Gresham's School, was still in the running with 411 and looks like achieving promotion to Class X, the top shooting class, despite his youth.

Alain Marion, the Canadian double Queen's prize winner, who is aiming for the treble this year, was moderately placed in the standings, with 409 to count. He did, however, win two of the subsidiary aggregates, the Barker Shoes aggregate £100 prize for six events at both short and long-range, and the New Zealand Cup, a similar addition of three competitions.

Northumbria Constabulary had the best turn-out in the police pistol team match with their A team retaining the Mander Challenge Cup and their B team sharing third place with West Mercia police.

The Royal Airforce won the Inter-Services Long-range Trophy beating the Regular Army and the holders, the Territorial Army, into second and third places.

RESULTS: Barker Shoes (Aggregate): 1, A Marion (Can), 295; 2, I R M Brown (Wandsworth), 294; 3, J R Whiteman (New Zealand), 294. New Zealand Cup (Aggregate): 1, A Marion (Can), 198; 2, A Tucker (Twickenham), 198; 3, R L Mundy (Windsor), 198. Palma Trophy (Aggregate): 1, W H C Alexander (Pitcothers), 146; 2, M Ayling (Royal Navy TRC), 145; 3, Lt N Crawshaw (Royal Anglian), 145. Pistol Teams: 1, Northumbria B, 1021; 2, Lancashire, 1018; 3, (equal) Northumbria A and West Mercia 'A', 1018. Inter-Services Long-Range: 1, RAF, 844; 2, Regular Army, 842; 3, Territorial Army, 828.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Lancs v Warwicks

Leics v Middlesex

SUMMER OF SPORT

Lincolnshire winner of trip to Rome

Mr Keith Duff, of Barnack, Stamford, Lincolnshire, is the winner of *The Times* competition offering a luxury four-day visit for two people to the world athletics championships in Rome in September.

The prize, backed by Dairy Crest Foods, allows Mr Duff and a companion flights to and from Rome, tickets for the final three days of the championships, accommodation at a superior four-star hotel, time to enjoy some of the sights of Rome, £200 in spending money, and a hamper of Dairy Crest products.

Mr Duff, aged 38, head of geological conservation with the Nature Conservancy Council at Peterborough, is an athletics enthusiast, road running in the colours of Nene Valley Harriers. He had the first all-correct entry drawn from all those received by the closing date, last Monday.

The answers were: 1, David Bedford (in 1971); 2, Dona Padilla (US); 3, Ron Hill; 4, John Akii-Bua (Uganda); 5, Roger Black.

NEXT TUESDAY: Another splendid athletics prize in our Summer of Sport series of competitions, this time a trip for two to the McVitie's international meeting on Crystal Palace on September 13.

DeFreitas blow

Philip DeFreitas suffered another blow yesterday in his attempt to reclaim both his England and Leicestershire place. DeFreitas, who had dropped into Leicestershire's Second XI against Northamptonshire at Milton Keynes, was unable to put in the much needed practice he sought.

RUGBY UNION

Television pioneers branch out

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Saturday's international in Sydney between New Zealand, the winners of the inaugural World Cup, and Australia – a match which many predicted before the tournament would be the final – will be shown virtually in its entirety by HTV on the same day.

The independent Welsh company, which has been setting trends in televised rugby for the last year, have seized the first available opportunity to compensate for their contractual inability to show World Cup.

At the moment the match is confined to HTV Wales, though six other companies came in when they transmitted last November's games between France and New Zealand. So encouraged were HTV by that venture, which came on top of their summer transmissions from the Pacific regions, that they also covered the French-based Masters club tournament in December.

Saturday's game, from Concord Oval, will go out at 1.30 p.m. in the form of a 75-minute package from Australian television, with HTV's own interviews and summaries. The company was unable to show any World Cup rugby because the BBC were awarded an exclusive contract for the tournament.

ROWING

Men's coxless four are main hope for honours

By Jim Railton

Great Britain has selected nine crews for the World Junior Rowing championships, which take place in Cologne from August 5 to 9. The main British hope for a medal appears to rest with the junior men's coxless four, which has on board the talented Jonathan Searle from Hampton School.

Searle won a world junior silver medal in this event last year and his new composite crew includes Rupert Obholzer, a former school colleague, Toby Hessian, of Nottingham and Union, and Timothy Foster, of Bedford Modern. The four will be coached by the Hampton schoolmaster, Steve Gunn, who coached last year's world junior silver medal pair.

After intensive trials in Peterborough, all but one crew of the men's junior team are composites and include a good cross-section of the fastest school eights in the country, including Hampton, Shiplake and Eton. It is important to find the right mix from all the available talent to take on the might of the Eastern bloc talent and others.

There are high hopes also that the men's coxless pair and double sculls could achieve final places, but the men's junior coxless four will be the British flagship in Cologne.

No single scullers have been selected for either the men's or women's junior team. The two double-sculling units have made the grade and will be hoping for a final place. The men's double is a composite, with Roger Brown, of Newcastle Royal Grammar School, combining with his stroke, Michael Harris, of Royal Chester.

The strongest women's junior crew appears to be their double scull selection. Adrienne Grimsditch, from Northwich, joins with Susanne Kirk, of Bedford High School. The remainder of the British women's junior team consists of a composite eight and a coxless pair from Clydesdale.

TEAM: Junior Men: Coxed Four: S Amies (Eton), J Stearns (King's, Canterbury), D Martinelli (Hampton), C Lewis (Eton, stroke), R Stafford (KCS Wimbledon, cox). Double Sculls: R Brown (Newcastle RGS), M Harris (Royal Chester, stroke). Coxless pair: A Hooker (Marlow RC), T Kay (Marlow, stroke). Coxed pair: K Allen (King's Canterbury), R Smith (Royal Shrewsbury, stroke); J Sommerville (King's Chester, cox). Coxless four: R Obholzer (Hampton), J Searle (Hampton), T Foster (Bedford Modern), T Hessian (Nottingham and Union, stroke). Eight: A Davidson (Emanuel), R de Rung (Shiplake), P Dilkes (Nottingham and Union), M Pinsent (Eton), A Bissell (Shiplake), C Holmes (Shiplake), J Wright (Hampton), D Neary (Hampton, stroke), G Herbert (Thames, cox).
Junior Women: Double Sculls: S Kirk (Bedford High), A Grimsditch (Northwich, stroke). Coxless pair: A Rennie (Clyde), C MacCallum (Clyde, stroke). Eight: L Hart (Northwich), L Jenkins (King James's, Henley), M Pettit (King James's, Henley), R Thomas (Weybridge Ladies), S Templer-Clarke (Lady Eleanor Holles), L Fisher-Jones (Royal Chester), A de Souza (Northwich), S Davis (Royal Chester, stroke), J Russ (Lady Eleanor Holles, cox).

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Houston Astros 4, Montreal Expos 2; Cincinnati Reds 4, Philadelphia Phillies 3; Atlanta Braves 8, New York Mets 3; San Diego Padres 4, Chicago Cubs 3; San Francisco Giants 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 0; St Louis Cardinals 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 1. American League: Boston Red Sox 3, California Angels 0; Minnesota Twins 5, New York Yankees 1; Kansas City Royals 3, Cleveland Indians 2; Detroit Tigers 6, Oakland Athletics 5; Texas Rangers 6, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Baltimore Orioles 11, Chicago White Sox 6; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Seattle Mariners 4.
HAVANA: Amateur match: Cuba 4, United States 7 (Cuba win series 3-2).

BILLIARDS

BELFAST: World amateur championships: Group A: S Agrawal (India) bt D Meredith (NZ), 1718-1007; D Elliott (N Ire) bt D Brennan (N Ire), 1430-693. Group B: J Grech (Malta) bt B Kelly (Scot), 1858-915; D Edwards (Wales) bt B Kinkness (NZ), 1255-1052.

CRICKET

UNDER-25 COMPETITION: Usk: Worcestershire 240-6; Glamorgan 158-7 (S W Maddock 89 not out); Worcestershire won on faster scoring rate and qualify for the semi-finals. Wellington: Dorset 201-9 dec (R P Merriman 50, G Edmunds 4-41) Shropshire 141-9 (A R Wingfield Digby 4-38). Torquay: Devon 166-5 (N White 50 not out); Berkshire 208-5 (M G Lickley 96, G R J Roope 62).

CROQUET

CHELTENHAM: Challenge Cup: A Class: Block A: B Neal bt L Latham, +15; Neal bt Lady Bazley, +22, Latham bt Mrs D Wheeler, +13; C Clarke bt Mrs Wheeler, +21. Block B: G Taylor bt P Hands, +21; D Moorcraft bt B Weitz, +18; Moorcraft bt Mrs P Hague, +20; Weitz bt Taylor, +14; Mrs Hague bt Hands, +16. Block C: J Toye bt T Greenwood, +9; F Maugham bt Toye, +20; R Fulford bt D Reeve, +14, Reeve bt Maugham, +6. Money Salver: B Class: Block A: Mrs E Asa-Thomas bt A Gordon, +5; Mrs E Weitz bt Mrs K Yeoman, 11; P Leach bt A Gordon, +16; Leach bt Mrs Weitz, +11. Block B: C Ross bt N Gooch, +5; Ross bt Mrs K Wheatall, +6; D Ruscombe-King bt J Sturdy, +10. Block C: R Weaver bt J McLaren, +11; Weaver bt Mrs D Latham, +3; D Maugham bt Rev S Scarr, +3; Maugham bt Mrs Latham, +22. Asa-Thomas Trophy: C Class level play: Block A: J Reeve bt F Ross, +20; Reeve bt Mrs M Murray, +16; Mrs M Langley bt Mrs Murray, +2 Block B: P Howell bt Miss F McCoig, +9; Miss McCoig bt W Scarr, +12. Mrs M Warren bt Scarr, +7. Saltrop Cup: D Class: Block A: Mrs J Moorcraft (10) bt Miss E Cheverton (15), +12; Mrs Moorcraft bt Dr E Turtle (18), +16; Miss Cheverton bt Miss R Bishop (18), +7; Miss S Waterston (17) bt Turtle, +4. Block B: D Lenfestey (11) bt Mrs K Turtle (12), +7. Lenfestey bt Mrs N Smith (18), +12; Mrs Turtle bt D Harrison (18), +4, Harrison bt Miss J Wrach (15), +8.

FOOTBALL

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: VFB Moedling 1, Wiener Sportclub 1, Admira Wacker 0, Sturm Graz 1; Grazer AK 2, FCS Tyrol 0; Rapid Vienna 2, VOEST Linz 1; Linz ASK 2, Austria Vienna 1; Vienna 3, Austria Klagenfurt 0.

GOLF

ABERGAVENNY: Welsh Boys championship: Qualifiers: 144: A Wesson (Tredegar Park), 76, 68. 145: C O'Carroll (Brynmill), 70, 75. 146: N S Chidley (Wrexham), 72, 74; S P Ingram (Dinas Powis), 71, 75; R R MacFarlane (Aberdovey), 73, 73; N D Watkins (Newport), 71, 75; M Sheppard (Conwy), 73, 73. 147: N L Allen (Dinas Powis), 73, 74; A Gibson (Pontardawe), 75, 72; S R Law (Tenby), 75, 72. 148: J Davidson (Llanwern), 75, 73; C Platts (Fedeswood and Buckley), 74, 74. 149: S J Edwards (Wrexham), 75, 74. 150: A Harper (Llanwern), 74, 76; R F Mawsdsley (Holyhead), 75, 75; M Proctor (Caerphilly), 71, 79.

SQUASH RACKETS

SYDNEY: New South Wales Open (Australian unless stated): Men: Second round: G Brumby bt M Robberds, 9-6, 9-2, 9-0; G Bowditch bt P Truman, 9-6, 2-9, 9-1, 9-0; A Addurgea bt J Nicolle (Eng), 9-3, 9-2, 9-5; G Hunt bt J Gornerup (Swe), 5-9, 10-8, 9-1, 6-9, 9-6; R Eyles bt B Martin, 9-4, 4-9, 9-7, 9-4; R Martin bt J Ransome (Eng), 9-7, 9-5, 9-6; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt A Bohmeyer, 9-4, 9-2, 9-2; R Thorne bt S Cunningham (NZ), 9-0, 9-0, 9-2. Women: First round: M Martin bt D Smith, 9-4, 9-1, 9-0; S Fitzgerald bt H Tudor, 9-4, 9-2, 9-3; M Byrne (Ire) bt C Clarke, 9-5, 9-4, 9-3; R Finlay bt S Mackenzie, 9-0, 9-2, 9-1; A Cummins (Eng) bt K Johnstone, 3-9, 9-0, 9-2, 9-3.

TENNIS

SCHENECTADY, New York: Men's grand prix tournament: First round, singles: J Yzaga (Peru) bt P Moraing (WG), 6-7, 6-3, 6-1; M Davis (US) bt F Klinnen (WG), 7-6, 6-1; T Mmoh (Nigeria) bt N Odizor (Nigeria), 6-3, 6-4; S Youl (Aus) bt J Carlsson (Swe), 7-6, 6-3; B Testerman (US) bt M Robertson (SA), 6-3, 6-2; C Saceanu (WG) bt M Lee (US), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; M Laurendeau (Can) bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; J Pugh (US) bt G Donnelly (US), 7-6, 7-6; T Hogstedt (Swe) bt M Flur (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; G Muller (SA) bt A Agassi (US), 6-3, 6-3.

YACHTING

TAG ROUND EUROPE RACE: Stage three: Edinburgh to Dublin: 1, Jet Services 5 (D Gilard), 0pts; 2, Bl Aquitaine (J Maurel), 3; 3, Poulan (D de Kersauson), 5.7, 4, Jean Stalaven (D Marsaudon), 8; 5, Roger et Gallet (E Lozeau), 10; 6, Fleury Michon 8 (P Poupon), 11.7, 7, Encasson (B Peyron), 13, 8, Côte d'Or II (E Tabarly), 15. Overall: 1, Jet Services, 5.7pts; 2, Poulan, 11.7; 3, Bl Aquitaine, 16; 4, Roger et Gallet, 29.7; 5, Cote d'Or, 30.7, 6, Encasson, 31.7, Fleury Michon, 36 a, 8, Jean Stalaven, 46.

EQUESTRIANISM

Britain call up Smith

Harvey Smith, proving at 48 that he is still a force to be reckoned with, has earned a call-up to Britain's squad for the European championships. Smith's son Robert, aged 26, is also among the eight riders from whom the team of four who will be picked to defend the team title at St Gallen, Switzerland, from August 26 to 30.

John and Michael Whitaker, Malcolm Pyrah and Nick Skelton are also among the eight, together with the Hungarian-born Joe Turi and Janet Hunter, of Scotland.

Smith senior has earned selection with some outstanding performances this year on Sanyo Shining Example and could be given the chance to collect another medal at European level. The Yorkshireman, who has been show jumping's best known personality for two decades, has twice finished in silver medal winning teams – in 1977 and at Hickstead in 1983 when he rode Sanyo Video. He also won individual runners-up medals in 1967 and 1971.

It seems probable that the final quartet will include John Whitaker, on Next Milton Pyrah and his recent Hickstead Dubai Cup winner, Towerlands Anglezarke, with Skelton on Apollo. There is a doubt about Michael Whitaker's chances of retaining his place, which gives the Smiths hope of making the final team.

Homeward bound

Dean Barker, aged 16, the Cradley Heath speedway rider, is returning to his parent club, Eastbourne, because he is homesick.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Fourth Cornhill Test match
11.0, 90 overs minimum
EDGBASTON: England v Pakistan.
Britannic Assurance County Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire.
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Sussex.
FOLKESTONE: Kent v Gloucestershire.
SOUTHPORT: Lancashire v Warwickshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Middlesex.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Somerset.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Glamorgan.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Leigh-on-Sea: Essex v Hampshire; South Hampstead: Middlesex v Surrey; Wroughton: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire; Newark: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire; Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan; Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire; Todmorden: Yorkshire v Kent.
OTHER MATCH: Lord's: MCC Schools v National Association of Young Cricketers.
FESTIVAL: Windsor (at Home Park).

FOOTBALL

PRACTICE MATCH: Exeter City v Tottenham Hotspur (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BILLIARDS: World amateur championships (at Belfast).
GLIDING: Standard class nationals (at Booker airfield).
GOLF: British Seniors Open (at Turnberry); Carris trophy (at Moor Park); WPGA Bloor Homes classic (at Fleming Park).
SHOOTING: NRA Prize meeting (at Bisley).
SPEEDWAY: National League (7.30): Arena Essex v Milton Keynes; Middlesbrough v Poole.
TENNIS: Prudential County Cup: First division (at Eastbourne).
YACHTING: Enterprise national championship (at Abersoch).

SPORT ON TV

CRICKET: Fourth Cornhill Test: England v Pakistan from Edgbaston. BBC2: 10.50 a.m. and 1.50 p.m. BBC2: 4.35, and 4.15 p.m. Highlights: BBC2: 10.10 p.m.
CYCLING: Tour de France: 1987: Stage 22: La Plagne to Morzine: C4: 6.30 p.m.
100 GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS: Wembley in 1970 Derby and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes. BBC2: 7.05-8.00 p.m.

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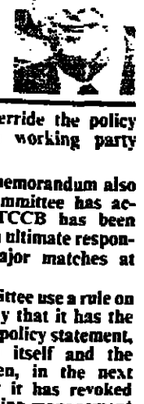
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MCC owe the members an explanation

David Clark, the former treasurer of MCC, gives his reasons for resigning in a year of supposed celebration



When I resigned as treasurer of MCC last December, I decided not to make my reservations public because I felt that the committee would have to give the members of the club a full explanation of the events which led both to my resignation and to the enforced retirement of the secretary, Jack Bailey.

Regretfully, members of MCC have not been given that explanation. They were not told in the annual report, which was presented to the annual meeting in May and which was overwhelmingly rejected by the members, and they have still not been told in a memorandum which has been sent out in relation to a special general meeting of the club, called for next Thursday.

In addition, the committee has refused to allow any point of view to be put to the members other than their own. That being the case, I do not think I can be criticized for trying to identify the issues which are causing the members so much concern in the year of the club's bicentenary celebrations.

Let me say at once that those concerns have nothing whatever to do with who runs professional cricket in this country. That is the job of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

The points at issue are: who runs Lord's cricket ground, which is owned by MCC and its members, and how should we treat those people who have worked for us?

As I say, these two questions, along with many others, were not addressed by the annual meeting, partly because they were not presented to the meeting and partly because that meeting degenerated into such chaos that the members were not allowed to raise points they wished to discuss.

I resigned as treasurer of MCC because of two developments. The first was the lack of support from the committee for my belief that members of the club should be consulted before any change was agreed with the TCCB relating to the control of major matches at Lord's.

My belief was reinforced by legal advice sought by the club but the committee decided to ignore that advice. That legal advice also affirmed that the recommendations of a working party report, which was adopted both by the committee and the members in 1984, were binding upon the club and had to be implemented.

The committee ignored that advice as well and, what is just as distressing, they have dispensed with the services of the solicitors who sought that advice. Those solicitors had served the club for more than 50 years.

The memorandum sent to members for the special general meeting emphasizes that the committee remains responsible for the entire management of the club. It quotes Rule 37 as the reason why the committee can override the policy statement in the working party report.

Curiously, the memorandum also states that the committee has accepted that the TCCB has been accorded overall an ultimate responsibility for all major matches at Lord's.

How can a committee use a rule on the one hand to say that it has the power to override a policy statement, approved by both itself and the members, and then, in the next breath, admit that it has revoked that rule by conceding management powers for all major matches at Lord's to an outside body?

And how can the committee revoke that rule without asking the members for permission to do so? Nothing could be more contradictory.

The second reason for my resignation was that I felt great concern about the method employed by the committee to enforce the retirement of the club's secretary, Jack Bailey. That method had been initiated by the chairman of the TCCB because he and his organization objected to the strenuous defence that Bailey had made of MCC's control of Lord's and the rights of MCC members at their own ground.

To bow to pressure from an outside body seemed, to me, to lack loyalty to the club's chief executive and to lower the standards of integrity which I have always associated with MCC.

The financial terms of the secretary's severance with the club have been said to be generous. Why, therefore, was the secretary denied a subscription list for his benefit, which in recent years has become customary on the retirement of long serving members of the MCC staff?

MCC is a complex organisation with a financial turnover considerably greater than the figures shown in the club's accounts. Few members of the committee understand the detailed organization of the club. Therefore, the running of the club is basically in the hands of the dedicated staff headed by the executive secretaries.

It is vitally important that the committee take heed of the opinions of those secretaries and support them. In too many directions, members of the club have been told much less than the whole truth.

For instance, in the financial section of the memorandum sent out for the special general meeting, nothing has been said to correct the statement made by the chairman of finance at the annual meeting that the levy made on members for going into their own ground, and paid to the TCCB, is £12,000 per annum.

The knowledge of that levy has caused members concern and no doubt they would have felt even greater concern if they had known that the true amount of the levy is at least three times as much as the figure quoted.

I am just as disappointed at the attempts that have been made to disparage the critical views of those members who attended the annual meeting. They have been described as "a faction" as if they were unrepresentative of the club – yet the attendance at the annual meeting was double what has been normal.

Does that constitute "a faction" and, if it does, what does that say of the validity of annual meetings in the past?

The committee would be better advised to listen to their members and to be far more forthcoming about informing them of major policy decisions. The committee should also be willing to consult their members on contentious issues before decisions are taken.

The committee and members must also resolve the problems of conflict of interest arising from dual membership of the committees of MCC and the TCCB. We have seen again that it is not possible to serve two masters, particularly when those masters have to be in involved in business negotiations with each other.

GOLF

Payne walks tall as he follows illustrious path

By John Hennessey

Jim Payne was a towering figure, both physically and figuratively, on the first day of the Carris Trophy golf tournament at Moor Park yesterday. With rounds of 67, two under par, over the West course and 72, level par, over the High, he established a comfortable lead.

With a few players still on the course completing their second rounds, Payne (Sandilands) was four shots ahead of a group of players on 143. Wayne Henry (Porters Park), an illustrious figure in boys' golf since winning an Open championship regional qualifying competition three years ago, is one stroke further back.

The Carris Trophy is an unofficial England Boys' championship with every player under 18 but Payne, for all his youth, is over six feet tall — Open champion-tall, you might say, after Muirfield.

But Payne has already surpassed Nick Faldo at this level. When Faldo competed in the 1974 tournament won by Ken Brown, he failed to beat the 36-hole cut. Payne, sixth last year at the age of 16, is naturally hoping to advance five places this time.

Payne's 67 over the easier West course in the morning was the best of the day, shared by Steve Finch (Shooters Hill). But, if anything, he played better on the High course since he did not have to rely so much on his putter.

A shot dropped on both the 14 and 15th, through a third putt and a duffed two iron respectively, were immediately redeemed at the long 16th (517 yards). He found the green with a driver and four wood and holed from 15 feet for an eagle.

Nigel Osmond (Long Ashton), at 14 the youngest player in the field, performed splendidly to bring in a total of 149. Five over after the 11th on the West in the afternoon, he reckoned he would need to par in to make the cut. He put his fears at rest with a four at the long twelfth (481 yards) and a superb five iron to within two feet at the short thirteenth.

LEADING SCORES (High course first): 139: J Payne, (Sandilands), 72, 67. 143: V C Cox (West Essex) 71, 72. M Smith (Brockenhurst Manor), 70, 73. M J Watson (Weymouth), 72, 71. 144: W Henry (Porters Park) 71, 73. D A Bamgare (Sandyway), 73, 71. 145: J Webber (Tewkesbury Park), 75, 70. J A Vardy (Coombe Hill), 76, 69. 146: N A Connolly (Maxstoke Park), 77, 69. B Austin (Tiverton) 75, 71. J E Bickerton (Droitwich), 78, 68. M McGuire (Drayton Park) 74, 72. K W Golding (Thetford) 77, 69. 147: J A Ripley (Hillsborough), 75, 72. 148: D Hickman (Waterlooville), 76, 72. J C Greener (Woodcote Park), 75, 73. 149: N W Osmond (Long Ashton) 77, 72. M Dove (Broadway), 75, 74. G Marable (Boyce Hill) 76, 73. S Burrell (Brickendon Grange), 78, 71. T Trood (Langley Park), 77, 72. H E Robin (Warren) 74, 75. S A Byrne (Herefordshire), 78, 71.

Pitch is no defence for Yorkshire's batting

By Martin Searby

HEADINGLEY: (Glamorgan won toss) Yorkshire are 181 for nine after 70 overs.

Hugh Morris, the Glamorgan captain, was understandably suspicious of the Headingley pitch; it was only a fortnight ago his side were shot out for 83 in less than 29 overs and with all the kerfuffle since he understandably asked Yorkshire to bat first upon winning the toss.

That Glamorgan were able to reduce Yorkshire to 97 for five might suggest things have not improved substantially, but the batting was far short of the highest class and with van Zyl bowling with great verve in an opening nine-over burst which brought him two for 23, they were soon struggling.

Moxon, without much practice in the last seven sodden days, was leg before, not offering a stroke, and young Blakey, having survived a reckless slash which flew over second slip, was not at the pitch of the ball when he drove to cover, where Morris held a splendidly athletic catch.

In the best stand of the innings, the left-handed Sharp put on 46 in 17 overs with Metcalfe, seeing his bat disintegrate in the process. He was left holding the handle as he pushed forward at the medium-paced Smith and soon used the replacement to thickly edge a drive off the front foot to third man.

Metcalfe, who looked briefly fluent, then checked a drive to mid-off and Bairstow, unwisely cut off spin straight to point; hard to blame the pitch for any of that.

Carrick popped the ball into short leg's hands and Love, after some handsome drives, tamely fell nudging outside off stump. But Hartley, who is a better batsman than most number nines, hit sixes off Barwick and van Zyl, who returned after an interruption for bad light to have Sidebottom leg before on the front foot.

Yorkshire were still 19 short of their first score of 200 in the last six championship innings when the ninth wicket fell and a gloomy, miserable day ended early with a total of 40 overs lost.

● The Test and County Cricket Board's inspector of pitches, Bernard Flack, who is under instructions to report on the Headingley square over the course of the next three matches, may find that the groundsman, Keith Boyce, has found his own remedy to recent problems.

A road roller has been used to exert 15 tons of pressure on the current pitch and appeared to have done the job yesterday with more even bounce apparent, though the odd ball did move off the seam — not an unlikely occurrence in present conditions.

Brian Close, the Yorkshire cricket chairman, and Boyce attended this week's meeting of the TCCB's pitches committee

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon low b van Zyl	1
A A Metcalfe c Holmes b Smith	32
R J Blakey c Morris b van Zyl	13
K Sharp c James b Derrick	21
J D Love c Ontong b Barwick	31
†D L Bairstow c Smith b Ontong	6
*P Carrick c James b Barwick	5
A Sidebottom lbw b van Zyl	25
P J Hartley not out	28
P W Jarvis b Ontong	6
S D Fletcher not out	0
Extras (lb 9, w 1, nb 3)	13
Total (9 wkts, 70 overs)	181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-24, 3-70, 4-72, 5-97, 6-112, 7-125, 8-168, 9-181.

GLAMORGAN: S P James, *H Morris, G C Holmes, P A Todd, M P Maynard, R C Ontong, J Derrick, †C P Metson, I Smith, C J P G van Zyl and S R Barwick.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 1, Glamorgan 4.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and N T Plews.



Happy returns: Mallender, of Somerset, during his spell of four for 37 against his former county, Northamptonshire at Northampton (Photograph: Hugh Routledge). Report, page 38

Luck on Sheard's side

Alison Sheard knew it was her lucky day after playing only one hole in the £30,000 Bloor Homes Eastleigh Classic at Fleming Park yesterday. "I holed from 15 feet for a birdie at the first, then at the second my drive rebounded from a tree into the middle of the fairway. I thought then that luck was with me," the former British Open winner said after her round.

Miss Sheard hit five birdies and an eagle on the way to a five under par 61 and the chance of a first tour win since capturing the 1985 Spanish Open title. Three of Miss Sheard's birdies were twos at short holes, and she had an eagle three at the 394-yard par five seventh where a six-iron second shot pulled up only four feet from the hole.

Miss Sheard leads by one stroke from the Australian, Libby Wilson, with Debbie Dowling, the holder, on 63 alongside Cathy Panton and Diana Heinicke from the United States.

Miss Dowling went through the golfer's nightmare when she had an air shot after pushing her drive at the seventh under the branches of a tree in the rough. Miss Dowling then almost holed in one at the short 11th when her wedge tee shot finished only three inches from the hole for a fourth birdie of the day.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: (GB and Ireland unless stated) 61: A Sheard; 62: L Wilson (Aus). 63: D Dowling, D Heinicke (US), C Panton 64: D Reid, P Johnson, B Huke, B Lunsford (US). 65: C Baker (Can), R Comstock (US), D Hermida (US), L Blondin (Fr). 66: L Pianos (US), P Grice-Whittaker, C Dibner (Aus); N Mc-cormack, 67: M de Boer (Neth), C Duffy, T Fernando (Sri Lanka), K Douglas, E Glass, J Brown, S Catford, A Jones (Aus), D Hutton (Aus), K Lunn (Aus), B Salmon (US), A Wilson (Aus), P Smillie, B New, J Connachan, L Copeman (SA).

YACHTING

Hartley finds way past rival

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

James Hartley and Ian Tillett demonstrated that their winning style is not confined to windy conditions when they won the fourth points race of the Prince of Wales Cup week in Falmouth yesterday. Racing was delayed for over an hour as the breeze settled to a force two northerly and the fleet of 55 got away at the second attempt.

First at the windward mark was Andy Fitzgerald and Adrian Murphy and they stormed off down the reach closely followed by Hartley and Tillett.

After marginally increasing his lead on the first two laps of the course that was four triangles, Fitzgerald made one fatal mistake. On the third beat he dropped cover on Hartley, thinking that he had reached the lay-line, but Hartley had seen a streak of wind on the water ahead. He continued for 100 yards, found a header, tacked, and in slightly stronger breeze he sailed over Fitzgerald who had fallen into a hole.

RESULTS: 1, J Hartley and I Tillett (Itchenor SC); 2, A Fitzgerald and A Murphy (Itchenor); 3, J Sidthorpe and B Grant (Itchenor); 4, W Henderson and R Parslow (Grantchester Flash); 5, M Warren and A Goodchild (Sussex Motor YC); 6, C Stanley and J Hodgart (Nottingham Outlaws).

● Neil Marsden, of Blackpool and Fleetwood YC won the Enterprise national championship fourth race at Abersoch, North Wales and is the slender overall leader from Ian Pinnell (Tynemouth) and Ian Southworth (Southport).

FOURTH RACE: 1, N Marsden (Blackpool and Fleetwood); 2, A Parkinson (Draycote Water); 3, I Matthews (Spinnaker); 4, I Southworth (Southport). Leading overall positions: 1, N Marsden 7¾; 2, equal, I Pinnell (Tynemouth) and I Southworth 8¾; 4, J Hunt (Beaver) 11.

TENNIS

County championships results

Men

(Championship group reduced to one set tie-break matches because of rain).

GROUP ONE (at Eastbourne): Kent bt Essex 6-3 (Kent scores first): P Bourdon and R Whichello bt R Drysdale and P Reeve, 7-6, 6-7, 6-3; M Gunthip and S Matthews bt N Raynor and V Ransom, 6-1, 3-6, 10-8; C Wells and P Hannon bt D Lloyd and H McGuinness, 6-3, 7-6; P Bourdon and R Whichello bt N Raynor and V Ransom, 7-6, 6-4; M Gunthip and S Matthews bt D Lloyd and H McGuinness, 6-7, 7-6, 14-12; C Wells and P Hannon lost to R Drysdale and P Reeve, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4.

Lancashire bt Middlesex 6-3: (Lancashire leading 5-1 overnight, Lancashire scores first): E Knowles and C Peet lost to P Hughesman and R Lewis 7-6, 6-3; M Appleton and M Farrell lost to H Becker and S Curtis 6-3, 6-2; M Robinson and W Davies bt J Littleford and P Littlewood 6-3, 6-4. M Appleton and M Farrell lost to P Hughesman and R Lewis, 6-7, 6-4, 11-9; M Robinson and W Davies bt H Becker and S Curtis, 6-3, 7-5; E Knowles and C Peet bt J Littleford and P Littlewood 6-3, 7-5.

Yorkshire bt Derbyshire 8-1 (Yorkshire leading 5-1 overnight, Yorkshire scores first): S Ickringill and G Henderson bt D Archer and A Evans 7-5, 6-1, S Heron and P Brooke bt A Broomhead and A Jarrett 3-6, 7-6, 10-8; D Hurst and A Hutchinson bt N Beadham and C Johnson 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; S Ickringill and G Henderson bt A Broomhead and A Jarrett, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; S Heron and P Brooke bt N Beadham and C Johnson, 6-3, 6-1; D Hurst and A Hutchinson bt D Archer and A Evans, 6-4, 6-4.

GROUP THREE (at Felixstowe): Berkshire bt Sussex 6-3; South Wales bt North Wales 5-4; Avon bt Leicestershire 8-1.

GROUP FOUR (at Malvern, Monday's matches): Hertfordshire bt Norfolk 7-2; Hampshire bt Lincolnshire 8-1; Hereford and Worcester bt Cheshire 6-3.

GROUP FIVE (at Cromer): Northumberland lead Oxfordshire 5-4; Nottinghamshire bt Dorset 7-2; Staffordshire bt Gloucestershire 5-4.

GROUP SIX (at Hunstanton): Durham and Cleveland lead Devon 2-1; Bedfordshire lead Northamptonshire 2-1; Wiltshire lead Cambridgeshire 2-1.

GROUP SEVEN (at Bristol): Sussex bt Isle of Man 9-0; North of Scotland bt South of Scotland 8-3; Shropshire bt Cumbria 6-3; Cornwall bt Channel Islands 6-3.

Women

GROUP ONE (at Eastbourne): Yorkshire bt Norfolk, 6-3 (Yorkshire scores first): J Holden and B Lockwood bt N Hook and S Rich, 6-3, 6-3. C Berry and S Longbottom bt K Ford and D Springall, 6-4, 6-1; K McLoughlin and S Armitage lost to J Rich and J Tacon, 6-4, 6-2. J Holden and B Lockwood bt K Ford and D Springall, 6-0, 6-3; C Berry and S Longbottom lost to J Rich and J Tacon, 7-5, 6-3; K McLoughlin and S Armitage bt N Hook and S Rich, 6-1, 6-3.

Surrey bt Essex 5-4 (Surrey trailed 4-3 overnight, Essex scores first): M Collins and H Walker bt P Brailsford and C Pollard 7-6, 1-6, 6-3; S Leach and S Hancock lost to P Brailsford and C Pollard 6-3, 6-3. C Petchey and C Bateman bt J Wilson and J Gradon 6-1, 6-2; M Collins and H Walker lost to J Ross and J Gradon 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; S Leach and S Hancock bt J Wilson and J Gradon 6-4, 6-2; C Petchey and C Bateman bt J Langstaff and S Lightbody 6-4, 7-6; S Leach and S Hancock lost to J Langstaff and S Lightbody 6-4, 6-3; C Petchey and C Bateman lost to P Brailsford and C Pollard 6-2, 6-4; M Collins and H Walker lost to J Langstaff and S Lightbody 6-1, 6-3.

Lancashire bt Devon 8-1 (Lancashire leading 6-0 overnight, Lancashire scores first): A Niepal and G Carney lost to S Barker and S Madge 6-1, 6-2; L Grace and C Power bt Y Drew and A Hall 6-1, 6-2; J Smith and A Loughrey bt P Britten and S Caffry 6-1, 6-4; L Grace and C Power bt S Barker and S Madge 7-5, 4-6, 6-0; J Smith and A Loughrey bt S Barker and S Madge 6-3, 6-4; A Niepal and G Carney bt Y Drew and A Hall 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; J Smith and A Loughrey bt Y Drew and A Hall 6-4, 4-6, 13-11; A Niepal and G Carney bt P Britten and S Caffry 6-3, 6-2.

GROUP THREE (At Cambridge): Leicestershire bt Lincolnshire 9-0, Berkshire lead Cheshire 5-1 (unfinished).

GROUP FOUR (at Cheltenham): Hertfordshire lead Cambridgeshire 2-1; Oxfordshire level with Buckinghamshire 2-2; North Wales level with Hampshire 3-3.

GROUP FIVE (at Worthing): Dorset bt Cornwall 7-2; Somerset bt Hereford and Worcestershire 5-4; North of Scotland bt West of Scotland 7-2.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Lancs v Warwick

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, lead Warwickshire by 2 runs.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles b Simmons	25
T A Lloyd c Hegg b Patterson	26
P A Smith c Fairbrother b Folley	2
D L Amiss c Fairbrother b Folley	6
Asif Din c Simmons b Folley	0
†G A Tedstone b Folley	15
A C Stone c Fairbrother b Simmons	14
G J Parsons lbw b Folley	21
N Smith not out	1
A T Merrick st Hegg b Folley	0
*N Gifford b Folley	0
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total (71.1 overs)	116

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-54, 3-58, 4-60, 5-63, 6-82, 7-94, 8-116, 9-116.

BOWLING: Patterson 13-5-24-1; Allott 9-4-15-0, Watkinson 6-2-13-0; Simmons 22-8-43-2; Folley 21.1-13-15-7.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis lbw b Gifford	19
G Fowler c N Smith b Parsons	0
M A Atherton not out	42
N H Fairbrother not out	53
Extras (b 2, lb 2)	4
Total (2 wkts, 52 overs)	118

*D P Hughes, M Watkinson, †W K Hegg, J Simmons, P J W Allott, I Folley and B P Patterson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-35.

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Warwickshire 0.

Umpires: R Julien and H J Rhodes.

Leics v Middlesex

LEICESTER (Leicestershire won toss): Middlesex have scored 99 for eight against Leicestershire.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

W N Slack c Whitcase b Ferris	21
J D Carr c Cobb b Ferris	7
K R Brown lbw b Cliff	7
C T Radley c Potter b Cliff	9
R O Butcher c Whitcase b Cliff	0
†P R Downton lbw b Ferris	22
A Needham c Lewis b Cliff	6
N F Williams c Willey b Ferris	9
S P Hughes not out	3
A R C Fraser not out	11
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total (8 wkts, 52 overs)	99

N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-33, 3-37, 4-37, 5-48, 6-55, 7-84, 8-85.

LEICESTERSHIRE: N E Briers, R A Cobb, *P Willey, J J Whitaker, T J Boon, L Potter, P B Clift, †P Whitcase, J P Agnew, J G Ferris and C C Lewis.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 3, Middlesex 0

Umpires: D J Constant and R Palmer.

Tenacious Newell hits first century

By Jack Bailey

DERBY (Derbyshire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 310 for four wickets.

The conditions were murky, the wicket slow and low. Derbyshire decided to field, but only Holding and, occasionally, Mortensen, of the Derbyshire bowlers, were able to hustle the Nottinghamshire batsmen into error.

So on to centre stage came Michael Newell who, displaying admirable tenacity, scored his first championship century. He presented a broad blade to 271 balls, shared in stands of 72 with Pollard, 115 with Birch and 86, unfinished, with Hadlee. He batted throughout the day and saw Notts past the 300 mark. All in all, it was a day he will remember.

The absence of Chris Broad and Tim Robinson at Edgbaston and of Derek Randall, alas *hors de combat*, but a pleasant companion in the press box, left the Nottinghamshire batting largely in the hands of a competent supporting cast. The three leading performers remaining were Rice, Johnson, and Hadlee, but although Johnson was merciless on anything short – two pulls off Jean-Jacques from successive balls hit the mid-wicket boards a tremendous thump – he became the first of two scalps for Holding during an impressive second spell of two for 26 in eight overs.

Rice was the other. The Nottinghamshire captain, whose appearance and demeanour puts one in mind of a lean and spare version of John Wayne, hardly had his gun out of his holster when a quicker ball from Holding caught him on the back foot and in front.

But others were well up to the demands made of them. First, Paul Pollard, 19 years old and playing his first major role, made an impressive debut once he settled down. Meanwhile, Newell quietly and efficiently held things together. Never has the push through mid-wicket for one or two been employed to greater effect. Then there was Birch who employed a blend of watchful defence and all-out attack off the back foot. His penchant for the force through the off side cost him his wicket as he played on, but by then Notts were set fair for a useful total.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

M Newell not out	126
P Pollard c Morris b Jean-Jaques	31
P Johnson b Holding	26
*C E B Rice lbw b Holding	0
J D Birch b Malcolm	69
R J Hadlee not out	41
Extras (lb 11, w 4, nb 2)	17
Total (4 wkts)	310

Score at 100 overs: 307 for 4.

D J Mariindale, †C W Scott, R A Pick, E E Hemmings and K Saxelby to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-107, 3-109, 4-224.

DERBYSHIRE: *K J Barnett, †B J M Maher, B Roberts, J E Morris, R J Finney, R Sharma, I S Anderson, M A Holding, M Jean-Jaques, G H Mortensen and D E Malcolm.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 1, Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: J W Holder and A A Jones.

£10,000 gift

Paul Getty jun., the cricket-loving American multi-millionaire, has donated £10,000 to Hampshire County Cricket Club. The money will be spent on the club's indoor cricket school and on schoolboy coaching.

Warwickshire fall to Folley's spin

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Lancashire, who led the Britannic Assurance championship table until mid-June, gave notice at Southport yesterday that they must still be considered among the contenders, despite a run of three successive defeats prior to a 14-day break from the game, courtesy of the fixture computer.

They emerged from their mid-season hibernation to put **Warwickshire** in and out for 116, the left-arm spin bowler, Ian Folley, proving virtually unplayable on a damp pitch to emerge with career-best figures of seven for 15 from 21.3 overs.

The day had started badly for Warwickshire when David Thorne was taken to hospital for an operation for appendicitis, allowing Neil Smith, the 19-year-old son of M J K, to make his debut.

They reached 52 before the first wicket fell but after that it was a procession against Folley and Simmons, a far cry from the corresponding match on the same ground in 1982 when Kallicharran and Humpage put on 470 for the fourth wicket, a championship record.

Michael Atherton, the Cambridge University batsman, marked his first appearance for Lancashire by making an accomplished, unbeaten 42 after coming in when the first wicket fell at eight. On a still grudging pitch, he and Neil Fairbrother ensured that Lancashire maintained a firm grip with a partnership which was worth 82 by the close, when Lancashire were 118 for two.

Paddy Clift, whose long association with **Leicestershire** seems likely to end this season, showed against **Middlesex** at Grace Road that he his still a useful medium pace bowler.

Middlesex, minus their Test players, were put in on a green pitch when the game began late in the afternoon and soon lost two wickets to Ferris. Clift then swept through the middle order in a spell of 17 overs worth four for 23. Although Downton stuck it out for 100 minutes for 22, two more wickets for the lively Ferris left Middlesex 98 for eight at the end of a day they would prefer to forget.

No play yesterday

THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire.

FOLKESTONE: Kent v Gloucestershire.

GUILDFORD: Women's one-day international: England v Australia.

Statistics that are unwanted

By Richard Streeton

PORTSMOUTH (Sussex won toss): Sussex have scored 51 for three wickets against Hampshire.

Portsmouth's annual week had a dreary start yesterday for when a soaked field prevented play until 4.30. Hampshire, who are fourth in the table and usually do well on this United Services ground, chafed at the bit a little more than Sussex, who are bottom.

The scorers, Vic Isaacs and Len Chandler, worked out during the long wait that before this match rain has cost Hampshire 75 hours of their three-day programme and Sussex 80. Sadly the forecasters say there will be: "Power to add."

Marshall and Connor, though handicapped by a wet ball, each took an early wicket when a start was made. Alikhan prodded a low catch to forward short; Green, too, pushed forward and was caught behind. Parker was not reluctant to strike the ball firmly, but just before the end Terry held an edged shot from him at second slip. Terry left a second team match at Leigh-on-Sea earlier when Greenidge reported his troublesome knee had reacted unfavourably to an injection.

SUSSEX: First Innings

R I Alikhan c C L Smith b Marshall	2
A M Green c Parks b Connor	6
P W G Parker c Terry b Connor	25
A P Wells not out	11
A C S Pigott not out	4
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (3 wkts, 31 overs)	51

C M Wells, D K Standing, *†I J Gould, G S Le Roux, A M Babington and P A W Heseltine to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-12, 3-47.

HAMPSHIRE: C L Smith, V P Terry, *M C J Nicholas, R A Smith, D R Turner, K D James, M D Marshall, T M Tremlett, †R J Parks, R J Maru and C A Connor.

Bonus points: Hampshire 1, Sussex 0.

Umpires: J A Jameson and D Lloyd.

Agassi agony

Gary Muller, the South African who upset Andres Gomes last week, again scored a surprise in the Grand Prix tennis tournament in New York when he knocked out Andre Agassi, the second seeded American, 6-3 6-3 in a first round match.

YOULL CUP: Second round: Harrow bt Wellingborough 2-0; MCS bt Bedford 2-1; St George's Weybridge bt Tonbridge 2-1. Third Round: Repton bt King's Macclesfield 2-0; Hampton bt Warwick 2-1; UCS bt Clifton 2-1; Nottingham bt Eton 2-1; Reigate bt Felsted 2-0.

Chance for Edgbaston to play decisive part

By Simon Wilde

Edgbaston has provided the opening match of the series on the four previous occasions Pakistan have played Tests in England. This time the ground has the possibility of seeing a series decided, if Pakistan manage to repeat their success of Headingley. Staging opening encounters can have its advantages, however, and Edgbaston has seen some notable arrivals on the international scene.

The most dramatic was by Zaheer Abbas in 1971. He had made one modest appearance for Pakistan 19 months earlier, but on this occasion his innings of 274 – which remains the highest score for his country against England – was a revelation. Zaheer had shown his skills against county sides for several weeks prior to this display, and brought up his 1,000 runs in his first English season by June 4.

In that same match, Imran Khan made his Test debut at the age of 18. On the same ground 11 years later, he returned to take nine wickets (including seven for 52 in the first innings) and score 87 runs.

Imran's analysis is not the best in these matches. In 1978, Chris Old took seven for 50, culminating in one astonishing over which contained four wickets in five balls. That year also saw the arrival of another masterly and elegant batsman, David Gower, who pulled his first ball in Test cricket, a long hop from Liaqat Ali, for four.

England have beaten Pakistan three times at Edgbaston, each time within four days. In 1962 they scored 544 for five declared, enforced the follow-on and won by an innings. In 1971, Pakistan all but returned the compliment, scoring 608 for seven declared and making England bat again, only to be denied their win by rain on the final day.

ENGLAND TEAM AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

	M	I	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave	Ct/St
C W J Athey	9	13	1	287	123	1	-	23.91	4
I T Botham	9	13	1	444	126*	1	1	37.00	4
B C Broad	6	9	3	271	80	-	2	45.16	5
G R Dilley	8	7	2	58	29	-	-	11.60	-
P H Edmonds	12	14	5	178	32	-	-	19.77	4
J E Emburey	9	12	3	285	73	-	2	31.66	5
N A Foster	13	14	1	268	49*	-	-	20.61	3
B N French	9	11	0	258	70	-	2	23.45	21/2
M W Gatting	10	14	1	650	196	2	2	50.00	7
D I Gower	10	14	1	351	55	-	1	27.00	3
N V Radford	14	13	2	132	31	-	-	12.00	7
R T Robinson	11	17	1	487	166	1	-	30.43	9

Bowling

	Over	Md	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Ave
I T Botham	129.0	23	431	14	3-51	-	30.78
G R Dilley	159.0	30	510	22	6-43	2	23.18
P H Edmonds	383.2	123	879	27	4-34	-	32.55
J E Emburey	271.0	89	584	20	5-60	1	29.20
N A Foster	431.2	101	1161	62	8-107	5	18.72
M W Gatting	36.0	5	113	1	1-11	-	113.0
D I Gower	1	0	9	0	-	-	-
N V Radford	380.0	74	1093	55	8-55	4	19.87
R T Robinson	2	0	7	0	-	-	-

PAKISTAN TOUR AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

	M	I	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave	Ct/St
Mansoor Akhtar	13	19	3	961	169*	3	5	60.06	5
Salim Malik	14	17	4	701	99	-	7	53.92	6
Javed Miandad	9	11	1	483	211*	1	2	48.30	4
Shoaib Mohammad	14	19	4	649	121*	2	3	43.26	4
Mudassar Nazar	10	11	2	353	100	1	3	39.22	3
Ijaz Ahmed	8	8	1	254	63*	-	3	36.28	7
Wasim Akram	11	8	2	176	59*	-	1	35.20	4
Manzoor Elahi	4	6	0	182	74	-	1	30.33	3
Ramiz Raja	9	12	0	312	84	-	3	26.00	1
Salim Yousuf	13	10	3	173	41	-	-	24.71	30/2
Imran Khan	9	9	3	146	26	-	-	24.33	3
Zakir Khan	8	4	2	48	22*	-	-	24.00	4
Mohsin Kamal	10	8	5	65	28	-	-	21.66	4
Tauseef Ahmed	7	5	2	47	16*	-	-	15.66	4
Abdul Qadir	7	3	0	30	24	-	-	10.00	2
Asif Mujtaba	4	5	0	11	5	-	-	2.20	7

Also batted (played 1 match each) Zulqarnain 0*, Azeem Hafeez (1 catch), Iqbal Qasim and Salim Jaffer who have not batted.

* denotes not out

Bowling

	Over	Md	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Ave
Imran Khan	205.2	45	480	27	7-40	2	17.77
Wasim Akram	295.2	61	839	34	6-34	2	24.67
Mohsin Kamal	229.4	41	821	32	6-100	1	25.65
Mudassar Nazar	164.0	43	408	14	5-28	1	29.14
Tauseef Ahmed	142.5	42	326	10	4-51	-	32.60
Zakir Khan	165.0	32	554	14	4-27	-	39.57
Abdul Qadir	146.1	21	440	9	4-98	-	48.88
also bowled							
Asif Mujtaba	1	0	2	0			
Azeem Hafeez	15	2	84	2			
Ijaz Ahmed	4	0	21	0			
Iqbal Qasim	18	6	41	1			
Javed Miandad	1	0	1	0			
Mansoor Akhtar	5	0	10	2			
Manzoor Elahi	31.3	5	106	2			
Salim Jaffer	18	10	17	3			
Salim Malik	23	5	61	2			
Shoaib Mohammad	18.3	3	69	2			

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EVENING RACING

Sandown Park

Going: soft

6.25 (5f) 1, Krisfield (B Rouse, 6-5 fav); 2, Prince Miguel (3-1); 3, Dr Sock It To Me (12-1).8 ran. NR: Bright Berry, Portfield Lady. 4l, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £1.80. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.98.

6.55 (1m) 1, Merle (S Cauthen, 7-2 f

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England's old hands are overdue a performance

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The fourth Cornhill Test match will start at Edgbaston this morning, if the forecast for a drier day is to be relied upon, on a pitch with a lot of moisture in it. And if last winter's 'grand slam' in Australia is not to begin to seem, very soon, like a mirage, England are going to have to play a great deal better than they did in the third Test at Headingley.

It was too damp yesterday to allow any proper outdoor practice, which left England shorter than ever of cricket. This is not entirely because of the atrocious weather. The make-up of the county programme has a lot to do with it, and that, of course, has less effect on the touring side.

Although modern Edgbaston Test matches are won, far more often than not, by the seam bowlers and despite the Pakistani penchant for slow bowling, there was much talk yesterday that England will play both their spinners. It will be against all the guidelines if they do. The ball is almost sure to move off the seam and to swing. It is very rare for it not to here.

On the other hand, there is no bounce whatever for the spinners, and against India last year, even when the ball was turning and Emburey and Edmonds were both playing, Gatting thought it worth giving Emburey only seven overs out of the 78 that were bowled in India's second innings, as England were pressing for victory.

I gather the reason for the pitch being damp is the flooding the groundsman gave it last Sunday week, during the heatwave. Thinking, then, that unless he watered it it would break up, he has had no sunshine since to dry it out again. Yesterday was typical of the recent weather, being dank and endlessly grey.

I shall have to come back now to Botham. He has still not had any of the hard practice that the England selectors had in mind for him when they chose their side last Saturday morning. There were those who said that if he had had it yesterday it would have stiffened him up for the start of the match today. But Botham has performed so *remarkably over the years that* I should never dare say that he is washed up as a bowler.

At Melbourne last Boxing Day, when he had not bowled for nearly a month, he confounded everyone by taking five for 41 in Australia's first innings in the match with clinched the Ashes for England. And at Headingley the other day, after he had been hit on the foot while batting, his bowling was undoubtedly missed, particularly with the ball swinging as it did. He can bowl so badly now, though, that it is leaving a lot to chance, and to his great flair for the spectacular, expecting him to do it all again.

Another old hand we are asking a lot of is Gower. With a top score of 55 from his fourteenfirst-class innings this season, he, too, will be drawing on memory and inspiration to set him on his way. His two Test double hundreds were, in fact, both made at Edgbaston, the second of them against Australia in 1985. But all the England side, not only these two, are under pressure. If they are not playing for their places, they are beginning to feel the need to disabuse those who maybe thinking that Australia was of limited significance.

Pakistan, for their part, have not only a lead in the series but a wider choice than in any of the previous Tests, Ramiz and Tauseef being fit again. They have got away so far with an absentee captain and accommodated quite successfully a somewhat garrulous manager. But they are still, and always will be, volatile. If England could get in a quick blow or two at them, things could change quite dramatically. For this to happen England may need, this time, to bowl first, as the likeliest way of their gaining an early initiative.

Of the four previous Tests between the sides at Edgbaston, England have won three and one was drawn. But it was here in 1971 that Zaheer Abbas scored 274 out of a total of 608 for seven declared.

I am not at all sure this time England are the better of the two sides anyway. They have more experience, certainly, but no more natural ability.

So far as crowd control is concerned for today's match, forewarned should be forearmed. There has been no nastiness since the one-day international at Edgbaston, not least because, surprisingly, few Pakistanis have watched the Test matches. Now that Pakistan have taken a lead in the series that could change; but the ground authorities are prepared for it.

TEAMS FOR EDGBASTON

ENGLAND (from): R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire), B C Broad (Nottinghamshire), C W J Athey (Gloucestershire), M W Gatting (Middlesex) (captain), D I Gower (Leicestershire), I T Botham (Worcestershire), J E Emburey (Middlesex), B N French (Nottinghamshire), N F Foster (Essex), P H Edmonds (Middlesex), N V Radford (Worcestershire), G R Dilley (Worcestershire).

PAKISTAN (from): Mudassar Nazar, Shoaib Mohammad, Mansoor Akhtar, Salim Malik, Javed Miandad, Ijaz Ahmed, Imran Khan (captain), Ramiz Raja, Tauseef Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Saleem Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Mohsin Kamal.

Umpires: B J Meyer and A G T Whitehead.

PREVIOUS TESTS: First (Old Trafford, June 4 to 9): Drawn. Second (Lord's, June 18 to 23): Drawn. Third (Headingley, July 2 to 6): Pakistan won by an innings and 18 runs.

REMAINING TEST: Fifth (The Oval, August 6 to 11).



Botham: Short of practice but, perhaps, not of inspiration for a crucial match for England

END COLUMN

Women in a world of girls

By Peter Aykroyd

A renowned Soviet coach of Olympic gymnasts has startled the sport by calling for changes in the widespread practice of training girls from a very young age for high-level competition. Vladislav Rastorotsky, who has trained two world champions in Ludmila Tourisheva and Natalia Yurchenko at his well-known school at Rostov-on-Don, sets out his views in the Soviet journal, *Socialist Industry*.

He attacks the trend followed by many ambitious coaches today — and not just in the Soviet Union — of training young girls in spectacular moves to create a champion gymnast as soon as possible, and at any cost. This has come about because some of the most complex moves in the sport can be performed only by girls between the ages of 12 and 14.

Rastorotsky refutes any suggestion that young gymnasts participating in world-class competitions are liable to sustain more serious physical injury than their elders. But he contends that big-time gymnastics is nothing without feeling, intellect and feminine grace — qualities which come with maturity. He states: "What we traditionally call women's gymnastics is better qualified as little girls' gymnastics these days and this is a great problem."

To counteract the present situation, he proposes that, while early recreational training builds up agility, strength and grace, no girl should take up "real" gymnastics before the age of nine or 10. Subsequently, the skills should be accomplished stage by stage — and not by artificially accelerated training.

Rastorotsky also suggests that a minimum age of 15 should be set for competitors in the Olympic Games and the world and European championships. He says: "Tourisheva and Yurchenko were not so young when they won their sensational world victories."

Any healthy adolescent can achieve brilliant results without any damage to health on one condition: she must have a worthwhile goal to aim for. That goal, which the coach *sets for himself as well as his* pupils, is to earn the right to be called a true personality and to prove it again and again.

The trend was triggered off by the great Nadia Comaneci, of Romania, who, at the age of 14, scored no less than seven perfect 10s at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Under the domination of Bela Karolyi, her flamboyant coach, Miss Comaneci demonstrated that technical mastery, not classical elegance, was the way to impress judges.

Major events began to fall to children from the Eastern bloc, who jerked up and down like emaciated marionettes during their floor exercises. There were rumours of drug-taking to retard puberty, but leading coaches explained that the thin physiques presented by many medal winners were caused by a high-protein diet.

The Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique, the world governing body, has already taken steps to make women more feminine in performance by allotting higher scoring values for artistic interpretation. But it will take some time before all leading coaches heed the advice of Rastorotsky and produce latter-day Tourishevas and Latyninas instead of tiny tots as the leaders of the sport.

The fact that Rastorotsky is the doyen of coaches in the Soviet Union, the world leaders, must surely influence the 10,000 gymnastics coaches in his country to take a lead in training performers of maturity. If Karolyi, who defected to the United States in 1981 and who coached Mary Lou Retton, the 1984 Olympic winner, would associate himself with Rastorotsky's comments, the process may be all the quicker, as Karolyi has ready access to the media. But Karolyi's main charge, Diane Durham, is very much in the small girl mould and is unlikely to win competitions on artistic, balletic style alone.



Comaneci: trend-setter

Batsmen fail to unravel the seam of Somerset

By Marcus Williams

NORTHAMPTON (Somerset won the toss): Northamptonshire have scored 132 against Somerset

It is tough at the top, as Northamptonshire discovered yesterday. Losing a crucial toss, they had to bat first on the greenest of green tops and were dismissed for 132 in 37.3 overs by the Somerset seamers.

It might have been considerably fewer but for a staunch 49 off 64 balls by Richard Williams and the prodigality of the bowlers, which made extras at 30, the second top scorer. Bad light, having caused four interruptions in all, prevented Northamptonshire *unleashing an avenging* Winston Davis until today.

Northamptonshire's rise to the top of the championship for the first time in 11 years failed to rouse the imagination of the locals, who turned out in paltry numbers. True, the weather was scarcely inviting, delaying the start by 45 minutes, *nor were their side's* prospects bright after the sixth ball of the day, Mallender, back on familiar ground to produce the customary *emigrés* effective performance against his old county, made one lift and Larkins was caught off his gloves down the leg side.

Mallender, recovered from a strained back, then had problems with his run-up and Foster, another youthful product of the Haringey Cricket College, with his direction, so that of the first 40 runs only 20 came from the bat. Between times, however, they managed to produce several testing balls, Foster accounting for Geoff Cook, caught at the wicket, and Mallender having Bailey taken at second slip and Lamb at short leg.

Capel and Wild fatally pursued widish balls, Burns diving almost in front of second slip to hold Capel, so that in the second over after lunch Northamptonshire were tottering at 47 for six. It was fortunate indeed for them that Harden, at third slip, failed in a valiant effort to grasp a fierce chance offered by Williams off *Mallender* before he had scored, for he played with admirable composure and took severe toll of anything loose.

When play eventually resumed after an early tea, Williams cut Foster for a remarkable six in an over costing 15, as he and Ripley put together the biggest stand *of the innings, 36, in seven* overs. Ripley fell to a splendid catch by Felton at short-leg, but Williams indulged his favourite back-foot force through the covers and Davis added a few meaty blows. Williams's stalwart effort ended unworthily when he cut a long hop to cover, last man out one short of his 50.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings

*G Cook c Burns b Foster	3
W Larkins c Burns b Mallender	0
R J Bailey c Crowe b Mallender	3
A J Lamb c Felton b Mallender	11
D J Capel c Burns b Mallender	3
R G Williams c Harden b Palmer	49
D J Wild c Roebuck b Palmer	2
†D Ripley c Feltham b Foster	15
N G B Cook c Burns b Foster	0
W W Davis c Crowe b Palmer	14
A Walker not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 4, nb 17)	30
Total (37.3 overs)	132

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-17, 3-19, 4-39, 5-40, 6-47, 7-83, 8-103, 9-122.

BOWLING: Mallender 14-2-37-4; Foster 11-1-53-3; Palmer 12.3-3-33-3.

SOMERSET: N A Felton, *P M Roebuck, J E Hardy, M D Crowe, N J Pringle, R J Harden, †N D Burns, V J Marks, G V Palmer, N A Mallender and D J Foster.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 0, Somerset 4.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and D R Shepherd.

Snooker move on drugs

By John Goodbody

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA)is set to break away from the Sports Council's strict drug testing programme because of the row over leading players taking beta-blockers, a practice first revealed in *The Times* in April.

From next season, the WPBSA is unlikely to use the council's facilities for all their major televised tournaments for random dope testing, which is commonplace in all major Olympic sports and is now becoming increasingly commonplace in professional sports, like football.

But Paul Hatherell, the WPBSA tournament organizer, stressed yesterday that the governing body would next season be "tightening up"on its procedures for drug-testing using its own medical advisers.

An independent medical body, led by Dr David Forster, its medical adviser, will decide whether players could take drugs that they had been prescribed for medical conditions.

Asked whether the WPBSA would be carrying out its own tests instead of using the Sports Council's subsidised facilities, supported by taxpayers money, Mr Hatherell replied,"This will be up to". It would be expensive and difficult for a governing body to get the private facilities to carry out a full-proof system that was credible to sponsors, who have been concerned at the image of the sport amid allegations of drug-taking.

Mr Hatherell stressed that the decision was not finalized and that the WPBSA had yet to write to Sir Arthur Gold, chairman of the Sports Council's Drugs' Abuse Advisory Group, to give him the WPBSA's final decision. "We will be doing that in the next *five or six days.*"

He added that two years ago the WPBSA had supported the government's initiatives to eliminate drug-taking in sport but had subsequently found that at several major professional sports events, like Wimbledon, no drug tests were carried out.

Roche collapses after desperate fight-back

From John Wilcockson, La Plagne

If there was ever a day that fully exemplified the drama of the Tour de France it was yesterday. It produced a nonstop battle for the yellow jersey between Pedro Delgado and Stephen Roche.

Their duel reached its crescendo over the final 10 uphill miles of an extraordinary 21st stage in the French Alps. Delgado, the better climber, made his expected attack and raced to a minute's lead six miles from the finish.

Roche dug into his reserves, chasing with Luciano Loro, of *Italy, and Denis Roux, of* France. Riding well together the three men closed the gap to 45 seconds with two miles left to race.

Then, with both men at their physical limit after racing for six hours, Roche surged back, knowing that the yellow jersey would be lost, or won, in the final few minutes of this stage. The Irishman tried so hard that he crossed the line in Delgado's wake an official four seconds behind.

In the excitement and turmoil of this Hitchcockian finale, Roche was mobbed by the waiting television, radio and newspaper reporters, and collapsed at their feet. Camera lenses were thrust in his face, but a way was cleared and the courageous Dubliner was *eventually lifted into an am*bulance and driven back down the mountain to his hotel.

The thin air, oxygen debt from his finishing effort and *the frenzied mob caused his* collapse, but the race doctor said Roche would recover quickly.

The battle for the race leadership completely overshadowed the stage win by Laurent Fignon, who just outsprinted Anselmo Fuerté, of Spain, to repeat the victory he gained here when winning the 1984 Tour de France.

Delgado started yesterday's 115-mile stage with 25 seconds advantage on Roche: not enough to ensure an overall victory because the Irishman will almost certainly gain at least a minute on the 23-mile time trial at Dijon on Saturday. This meant that Delgado had to attack.

After a first hour of gentle climbing the race came to life when there was an attack by the Spaniard, Pedro Munoz, and a violent acceleration by the Colombian team-colleagues of fifth-placed Luis Herrera.

The pack split into four groups, and by the top of the Galibier Pass, where Munoz maintained five seconds of his lead, only 33 riders were left in contention.

If this had been any other Tour de France the groups would have reformed on the long, twisting descent, but Roche sensed that he would need to use up Delgado's strength if he was to counter him at the end.

After a super rapid descent down the awesomely steep mountain road, only 12 men were left with Roche in the valley. Once there, and despite a strong head wind, Roche joined a breakaway of seven men, and established a lead of one minute 42 seconds on Delgado and a group of 20 by the start of the next climb.

Delgado counter-attacked four miles from the summit. Eight others joined him and they began the descent only 48 seconds behind the leaders.

TOUR RESULTS

21st STAGE: To La Plagne: (185.5km): 1, L Fignon (Fr), 6hr 07:08sec; 2, A Fuerté (Sp), *same time*; 3, *F Parra* (Col), at 39; 4, P Delgado (Sp), at 57; 5, S Roche (Ire), at 1:01; 6, D Roux (Fr), at 1:05; 7, L Loro (It), at 1:14; 8, L Herrera (Col), at 1:44; 9, C Mottet (Fr), at 1:57; 10, J-F Bernard (Fr), at 3:03. **Overall:** 1, P Delgado (Sp), 96hr 40mn 30sec; 2, S Roche (Ire), 28sec behind; 3, C Mottet (Fr), 3:12; 4, J-F *Bernard (Fr), 4:08; 5, L Herrera (Col), 5:50;* 6, F Parra (Col), 12:54; 7, L Fignon (Fr), 14:44; 8, A Fuerte (Sp), 14:57; 9, R Alcala (Mex), 18:36; 10, C Criquielion (Bel), 24:11; 11, M Lejarreta (Sp), 25:41; 12, F Echave (Sp), 26:42; 13, M Ramirez (Col), 30:21; 14, G Moncada (Col), 33:45; 15, G Zadrobilek (Austria), 36:28; 16, A *Hampsten (US), 37:07; 17, L. Loro (It),* 38:26; 18, J-R Bernaudeau (Fr), 40:38; 19, D Roux (Fr), 44:51; 20, R Acevedo (Col), 45:18.

ANC-Halfords: 83, G Gallopin; 93, A Timmis; 94, M Elliott; 126, K Palov (Cz), all at 34mn 15sec. **Overall:** 69, Timmis, at 1hr 56mn 04sec; 100, Elliott, 2:26.16; 108, Palov, 2:34.38; *140, Gallopin, 3:39.09.*

WOMEN: 12th stage: (47.6km): 1, J Longo (Fr), 1:40:40; 2, M Canins (It); 3, U Enzenauer (WG), at 2:10; 4, T Polialkova (USSR), at 2:13; 5, U Larsen (Nor), at 2:35; 6, N Kibardina (USSR), at 2:50. **British placings:** 29, C Greenwood, at 9:56; 31, S *Thompson, at 10:20; 51, H Edwards, at* 16:36; 67, V Thomas, at 18:55; 70, M Johnson, at 19:21; 71, P Strong, at 19:23; 75, M Grivell, at 19:49. **Overall:** 1, M Canins (It), 22:16.06; 2, J Longo (Fr), at 26sec; 3, U Enzenauer (WG), at 8:21; 4, T Polialkova (USSR), at 10:32; 5, R Bonanomi (It), at 13:07; 6, N Kibardina *(USSR), at 16:33. British placings:* 25, C Greenwood, at 38:54; 29, S Thompson, at 42:33; 62, P Strong, at 1:18:10; 64, V Thomas, at 1:21.51; 66, M Grivell, at 1:23:53; 70, M Johnson, at 1:26.25; 72, H Edwards, at 1:32:47.

Sports Council back down

By John Goodbody

The Sports Council yesterday backed down on their refusal to increase grants to governing bodies in line with inflation because the Government last December froze its annual *subsidy at £36 million.*

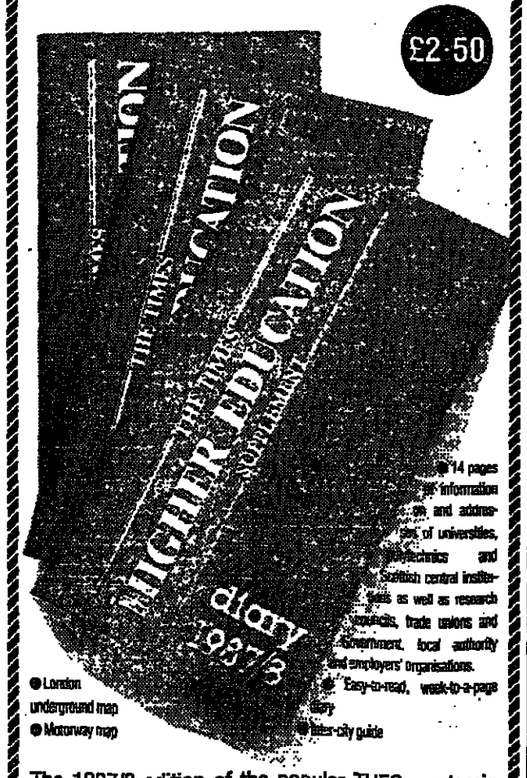
John Smith, the chairman of the Sports Council, said: "Where we have given a commitment to an increase we will do so. Although we have had what amounts to a reduction in our grant from the Government, we will now increase the money to those governing bodies by four per cent, the rate of inflation. It will be other items of our expenditure which will now have to suffer."

The Sports Council had originally told governing bodies that they would get a rise in line with inflation. But on July 7 it wrote to them saying that this could not be guaranteed, effectively cutting their total grant by £312,000.

The Central Council of Physical Recreation, who represent the governing bodies, then protested to Denis Howell, the Labour spokesman on sport, who agreed to raise the issue in Parliament by demanding an emergency debate. The Council then *backed down.*

Mr Howell said: "It is amazing that in pre-Olympic year grants to the governing bodies were being reduced. The whole matter is absurd and needs full examination. I am glad that my threat of Parliamentary action has brought this into the open."

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The rising cost of indiscipline

Wimbledon have been fined £4,500 because of their disciplinary record last season. The FA also imposed a £5,000 suspended penalty, dependent on the club's behaviour next season under their new manager, Bobby Gould.

Of yesterday's fine, £1,500 came from a fine suspended from last season. It was Wimbledon's sixth consecutive annual appearance in *front of the FA, and before* yesterday they had been fined a total of £9,000.

The FA summoned nine league clubs to explain why they averaged over five penalty points a match last season. Wimbledon, at 5.98 points per match, were second behind Southend, of the third division, on 6.18. The Essex club were fined £500 outright with £2,000 suspended.

Portsmouth, newly promoted to the first division, had three players sent off in one match last season — and that cost them a total of £2,250

They were fined £750, with a suspended £1,500 from last season imposed for their continuing misconduct, and they face another fine, of £2,000, at the end of next season if their record does not improve.

Blackpool were fined £750 plus £250 held over from last season, but the other clubs received lighter penalties.

Josimar, the brilliant Brazilian full back who burst onto the international scene with his explosive goals in the 1986 World Cup, will be in the Rest of the World squad which faces The Football League in the Mercantile Credit Classic at Wembley on August 8.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Buckner in comeback

Jack Buckner, who was preselected for the world athletics *championships in Rome* after his triumph over 5,000 metres in the European championships at Stuttgart last year, returns at Gateshead on Sunday after a five-week absence with a hamstring injury.

Among his rivals in the 2,000m will be Tim Hutchings, his 5,000m partner in Rome.

£20,000 loan

Doncaster Council has agreed to guarantee a £20,000 mortgage for Doncaster rugby league club to buy back their Tattersfield ground which was seized when the old club went into liquidation last year.



Graham Cowdrey: jaw wired

Cowdrey out

Graham Cowdrey has had his broken jaw successfully wired and discharged from hospital after being hit by Michael Holding. The Kent batsman also had two cracked teeth removed and will miss the rest of the season.

Power punch

Paul Hodkinson, the unbeaten Liverpool featherweight, will attempt to take his successive knockout tally to eight in Panama City on July 31 *against Tomas Arguelles* as the main supporting bout when Brian Mitchell, of South Africa, defends his WBA junior lightweight title against Francisco Fernandez.

Leeds swap

Leeds rugby league club have agreed a cash sum for Gary Spencer and John Lyons, plus releasing Phil Fox, Andy Mason, Mark Conway and Keith Rayne in an exchange with Wakefield Trinity worth well over £100,000. Mike Taylor, the Oldham wing, has signed for Halifax, the Challenge Cup holders, in a £20,000 deal.

Sixth century for Cauthen in quick time

Steve Cauthen rode his hundredth winner of the season on Shy Dolly in the Applegate Fillies' Handicap at Yarmouth yesterday. It was his sixth consecutive and second-fastest century since basing himself permanently in this country in 1979.

He registered his hundred on July 13 in 1985, when he went on to become champion jockey with 195 winners, but he is ahead of schedule compared to last year when he lost the title to Pat Eddery.

Eddery is again Cauthen's principal rival and the Irish-born jockey kept up the *pressure with a treble at* Catterick Bridge, taking his score to 98. Racing, page 35

